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"Sally's Crusade - Part One: First Star I See Tonight"
While reminiscing about life as a little girl before Robotnik's takeover, Sally sees something fall from the sky...
What does this shiny metal orb have to do with Sally?

Sonic the Hedgehog #18
"Wedding Bell Blues"
Robotnik has gotten word of Sonic and Sally's impending wedding in a barn outside of the Great Forest, and plans an attack!
But there's more to this "wedding" than meets the eye!

"Sally's Crusade - Part Two: In the Still of the Night"
While trying to determine the nature of the mysterious orb, Sally is called to the bedside of her old mentor, Julayla, just before she dies (the first death ever in a Sonic comic). It is there that she realizes that her destiny is about to change forever.

Sonic the Hedgehog #19
"Night of a Thousand Sonics"
An alternate version of Robotnik, named Robo-Robotnik (after having roboticized himself in an attempt to conquer his dimension), comes to our Mobius via the Cosmic Interstate. He recruits Evil Sonic to steal the Giant's Hand, the key to opening the enormous creature Giant Borg, from the Neutral Zone. A mass recruitment of Sonics and bots begin, as Sonic and the real Dr. Robotnik join forces in hopes of stopping the crazed machine!

Sonic the Hedgehog #20
"That's the Spirit"
Exposure to an antimatter explosion renders Sonic invisible; Sally and the others (except Tails) believe he is dead. Can Sonic convince his friends he's still alive and well?

"Deadliest of the Species - Prologue"
The exciting Prologue to The Princess Sally Miniseries: while on a sabotage mission, Sally is confronted by someone claiming to be part of a rebel underground – someone named Geoffrey St. John! Just what does he want?

SPECIAL BONUS: A SONIC LOST STORY
"Everything Old is Newt Again"
Digging through old files we found this lost story by the original creative team. We gathered up the original writer and artist for one more go around, as Sonic must battle the Universalamander!

(Special Feature)
Sonic the Hedgehog - Who's Who
Learn about some of your favorite Sonic characters.

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WHEREVER I TELL HIM TO, TAILS!
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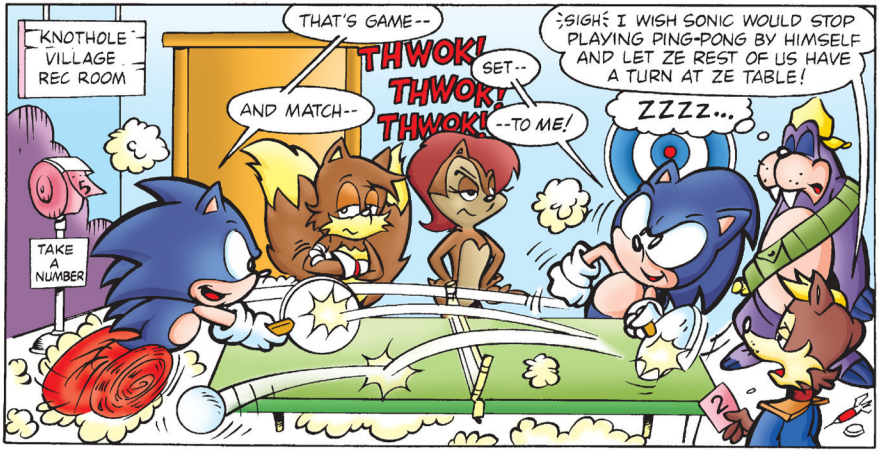
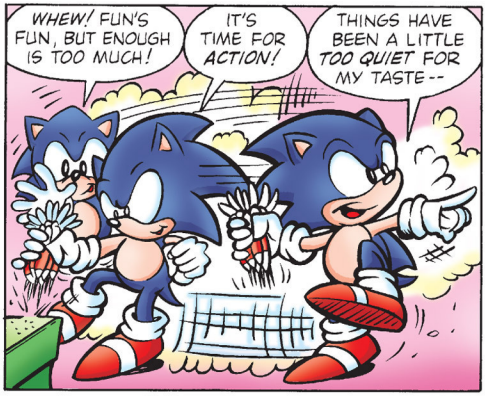
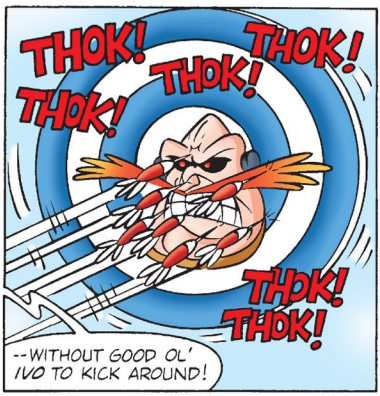
D'AGOSTINO


KNOTHOLE VILLAGE REC ROOM
TAKE A NUMBER
THAT'S GAME--
AND MATCH--
THWOK! THWOK! THWOK!
SET--
--TO ME!
;SIGH; I WISH SONIC WOULD STOP PLAYING PING-PONG BY HIMSELF AND LET ZE REST OF US HAVE A TURN AT ZE TABLE!
ZZZZ...


WHEW! FUN'S FUN, BUT ENOUGH IS TOO MUCH!
IT'S TIME FOR ACTION!
THINGS HAVE BEEN A LITTLE TOO QUIET FOR MY TASTE--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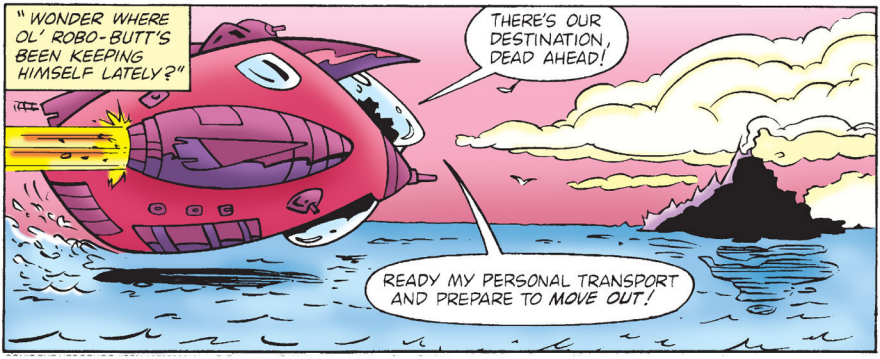
--WITHOUT GOOD OL' IVO TO KICK AROUND!


"WONDER WHERE OL' ROBO-BUTT'S BEEN KEEPING HIMSELF LATELY?"
THERE'S OUR DESTINATION, DEAD AHEAD!
READY MY PERSONAL TRANSPORT AND PREPARE TO MOVE OUT!

HAHAHAHAHA
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
WOULD NEVER THINK TO LOOK FOR US ON SKOAL ISLAND--
-- BUT SKOAL ISLAND IS EXACTLY WHERE WE NEED TO LOOK!
ONCE WE'VE FOUND WHAT WE'RE IN SEARCH OF--
WE CAN ENGAGE THE HATED HEDGEHOG IN A LITTLE ...
"GORILLA WARFARE" ·OR·
"THE APES OF WRATH" PART I
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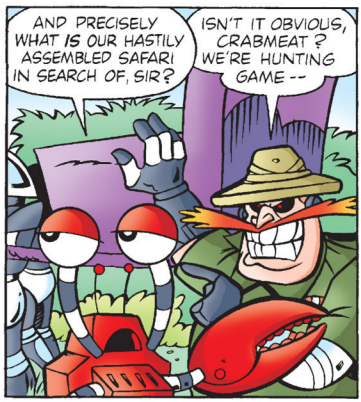
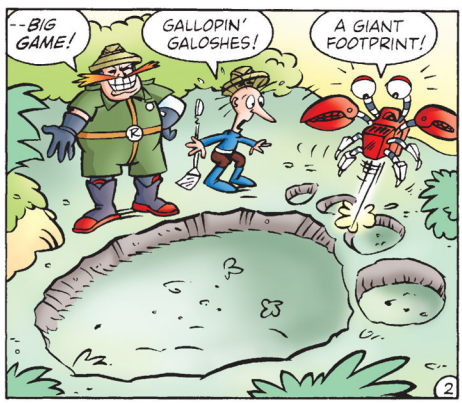
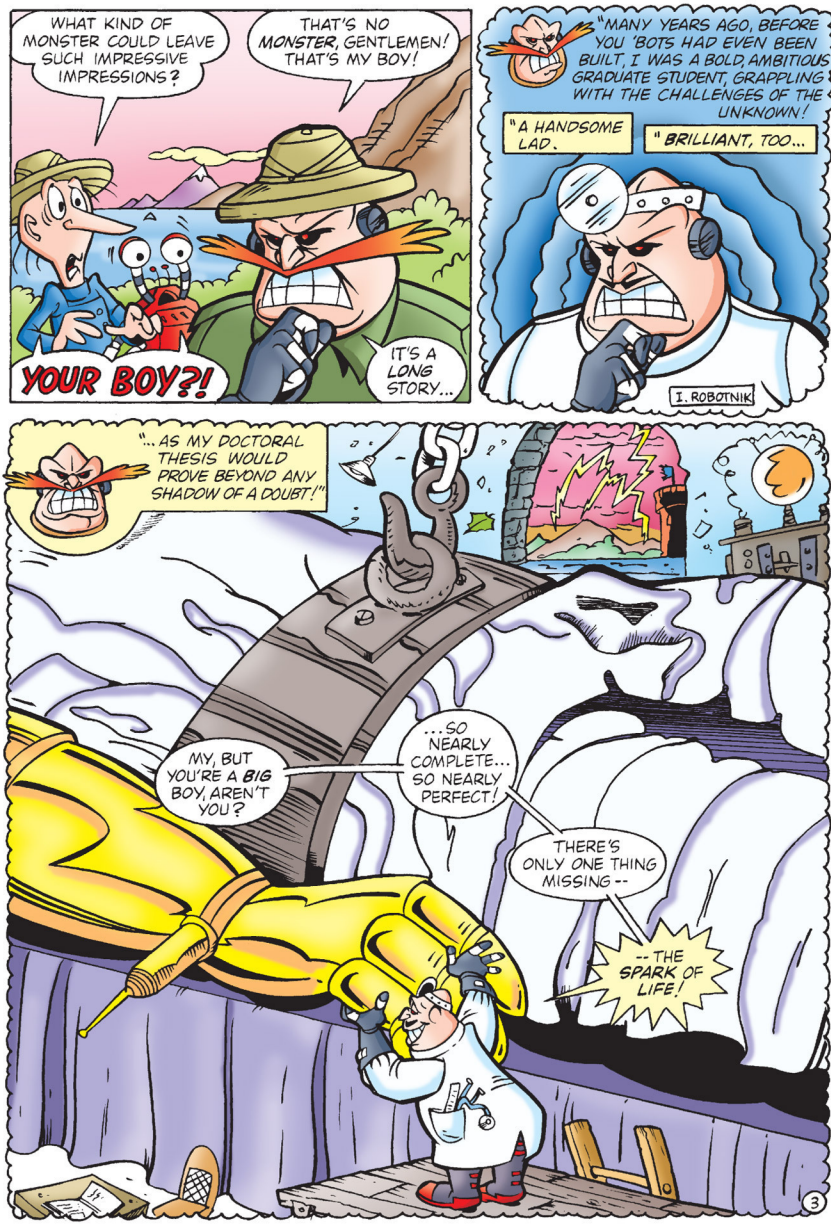
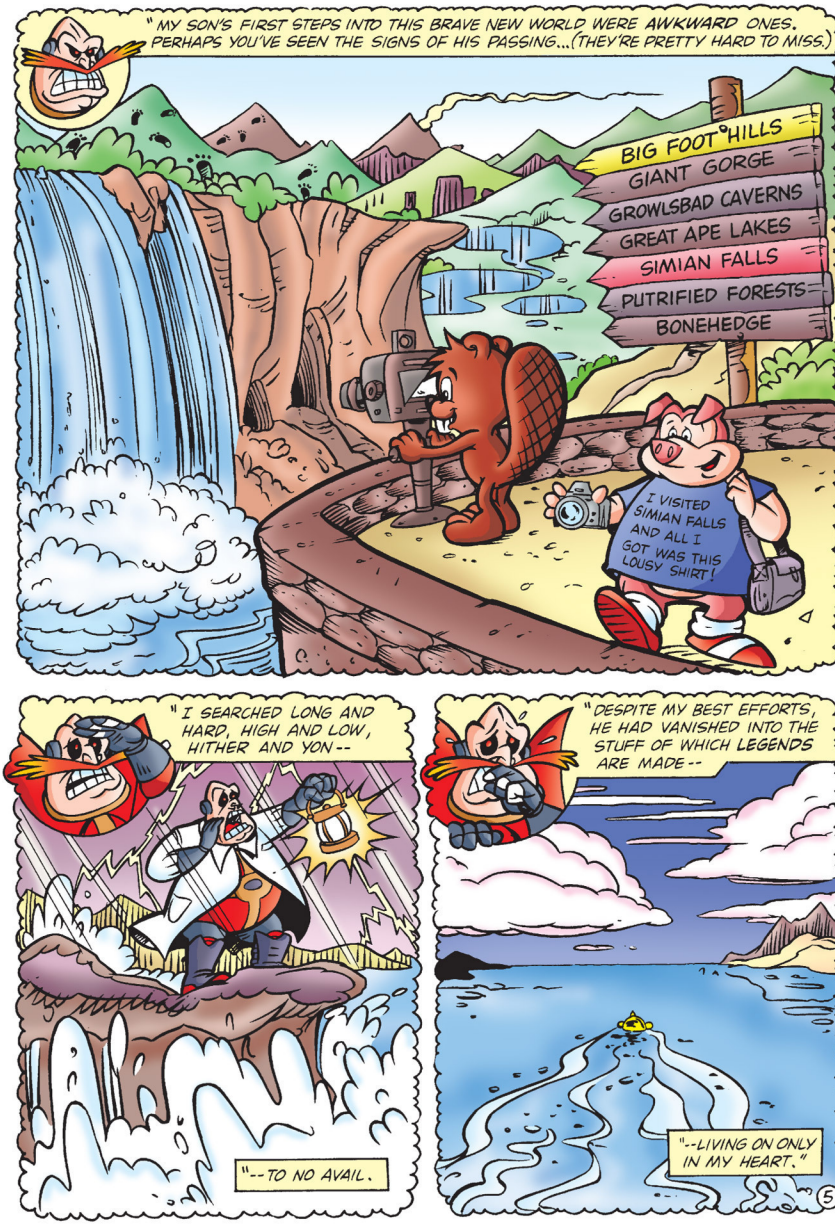

AND PRECISELY WHAT IS OUR HASTILY ASSEMBLED SAFARI IN SEARCH OF, SIR?
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS, CRABMEAT? WE'RE HUNTING GAME --

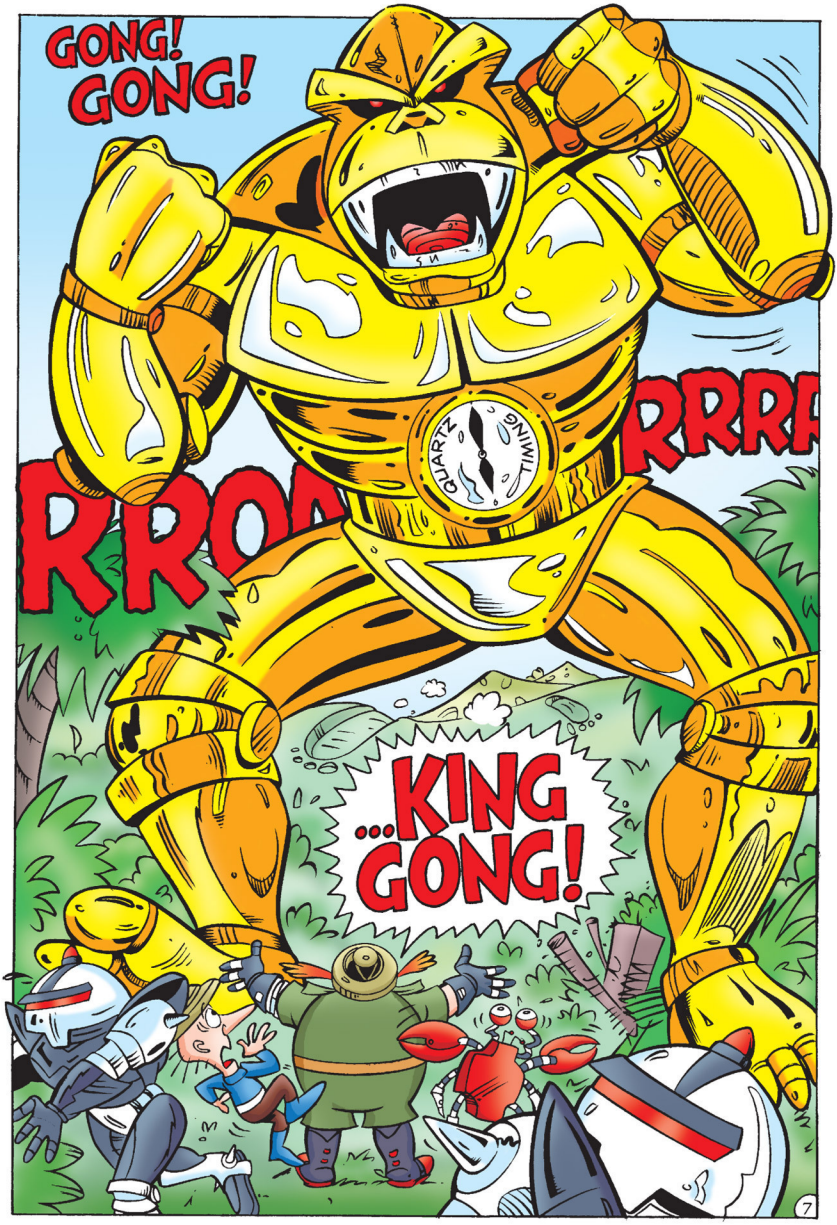

--BIG GAME!
GALLOPIN' GALOSHES!
A GIANT FOOTPRINT!

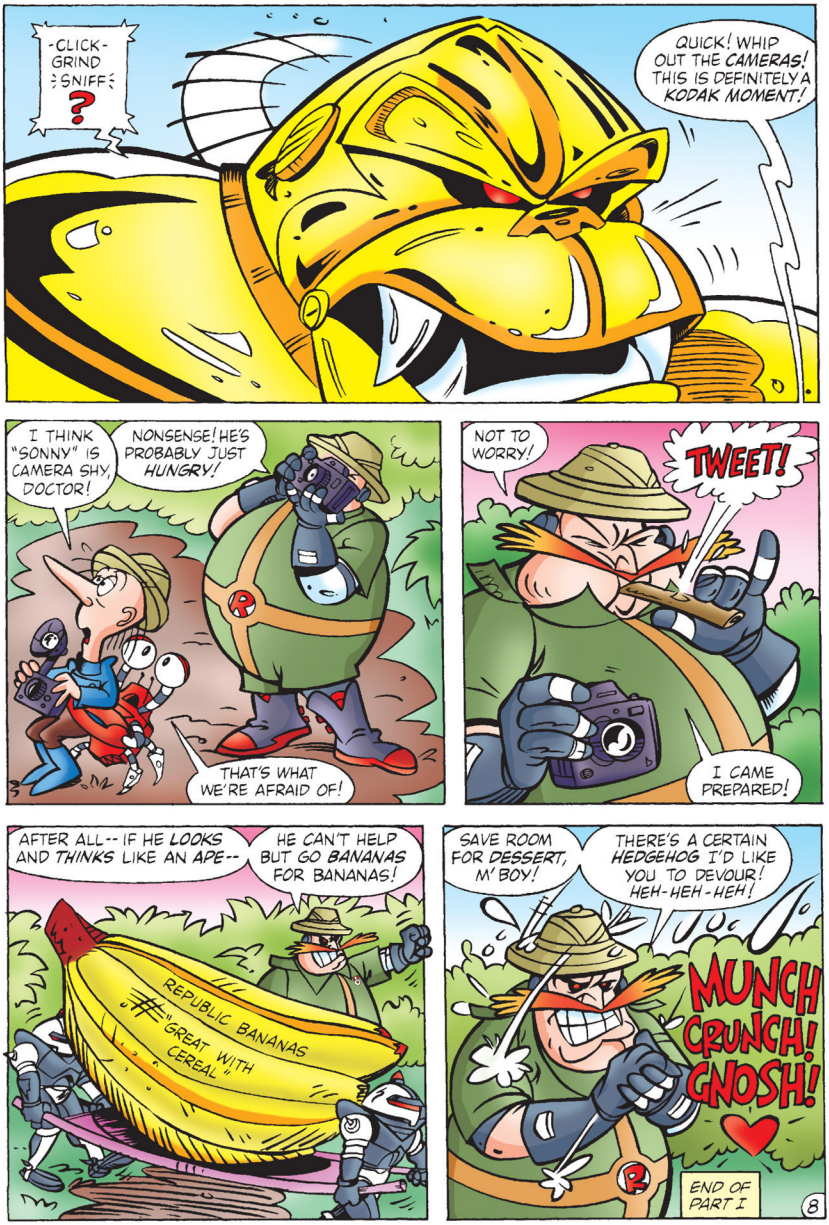

WHAT KIND OF MONSTER COULD LEAVE SUCH IMPRESSIVE IMPRESSIONS?
THAT'S NO MONSTER, GENTLEMEN! THAT'S MY BOY!
YOUR BOY?!
IT'S A LONG STORY...
"MANY YEARS AGO, BEFORE YOU 'BOTS HAD EVEN BEEN BUILT, I WAS A BOLD, AMBITIOUS GRADUATE STUDENT, GRAPPLING WITH THE CHALLENGES OF THE UNKNOWN!
"A HANDSOME LAD.
"BRILLIANT, TOO...
I. ROBOTNIK
"...AS MY DOCTORAL THESIS WOULD PROVE BEYOND ANY SHADOW OF A DOUBT!"
MY, BUT YOU'RE A BIG BOY, AREN'T YOU?
...SO NEARLY COMPLETE... SO NEARLY PERFECT!
THERE'S ONLY ONE THING MISSING--
--THE SPARK OF LIFE!

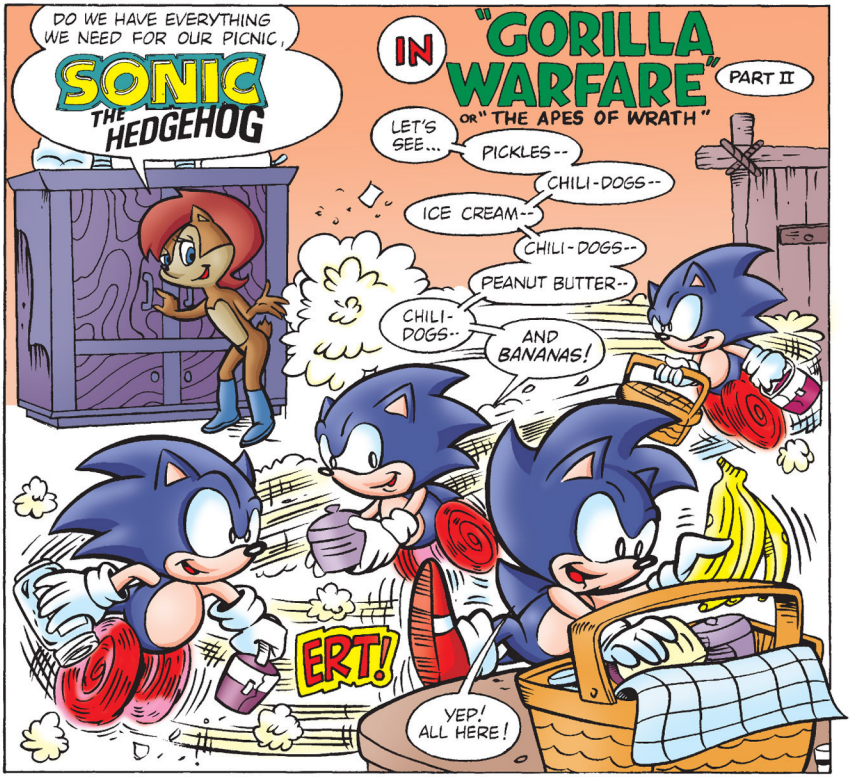
"BUT SPARKS THAT BIG ARE HARD TO COME BY. THEN I WAS STRUCK BY A BURST OF INSPIRATION...
;WHEW; THIS IS TOUGH AND THIRSTY WORK!
WHAT I NEED ARE A FEW MILLION ROBOT MINIONS TO BACK UP MY BRAINS WITH THEIR BRAWN!
"...AND THANKS TO A CONVENIENT ELECTRICAL STORM THAT WAS PASSING THROUGH ON ITS WAY TO HILL VALLEY...
LIFE! GIVE MY CREATION--
--LIFE!
KRA-KOOOM!
"... I GOT MY WISH.
HE'S ALIVE-- ALIVE!
NOW HE CAN DO MY CHORES FOR ME!
"UNFORTUNATELY...
WHOA! DOWN, BOY!
STAY BACK!
KERRUNCH!
ROARR
STAY BACK!
"...MY CREATION HAD OTHER IDEAS."
OH, WELL...
BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD-- AND THE HOME IMPROVEMENT SHOP!

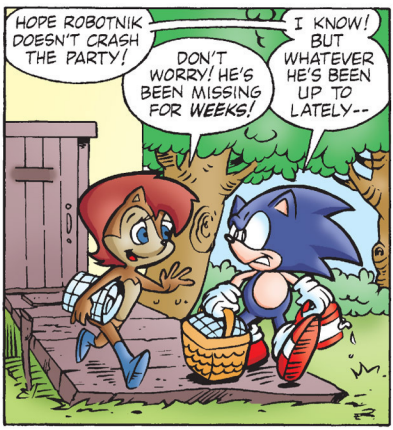

"MY SON'S FIRST STEPS INTO THIS BRAVE NEW WORLD WERE AWKWARD ONES. PERHAPS YOU'VE SEEN THE SIGNS OF HIS PASSING...(THEY'RE PRETTY HARD TO MISS.)
BIG FOOT HILLS
GIANT GORGE
GROWLSBAD CAVERNS
GREAT APE LAKES
SIMIAN FALLS
PUTRIFIED FORESTS
BONEHEDGE
I VISITED SIMIAN FALLS AND ALL I GOT WAS THIS LOUSY SHIRT!
"I SEARCHED LONG AND HARD, HIGH AND LOW, HITHER AND YON--
"--TO NO AVAIL.
"DESPITE MY BEST EFFORTS, HE HAD VANISHED INTO THE STUFF OF WHICH LEGENDS ARE MADE--
"--LIVING ON ONLY IN MY HEART."

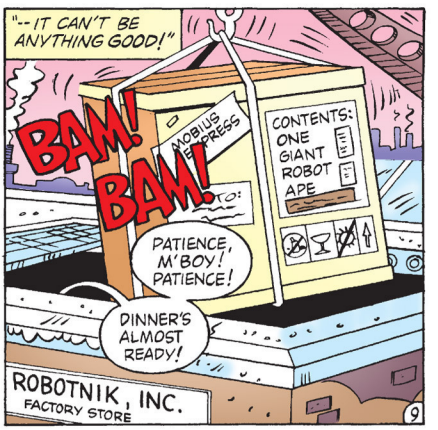
YOU MEAN...
THAT'S RIGHT, SNIVELY--YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN THE 'BOT THAT GOT AWAY!
BUT WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THE LUMBERING, MINDLESS BRUTE IS HERE, SIR?
SEE FOR YOURSELVES, GENTLEMEN! ONE PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS -- AND I'VE GOT DOZENS!
EYE IN THE SKY SATELLITE RECONNAISSANCE PHOTO©
OF COURSE, THERE WERE OTHER CLUES AS TO MY CREATION'S CURRENT LOCATION--
GONG! GONG!
--CLIMATIC SHIFTS--
GONG!
--RISING TIDES--
UH--LOUD NOISES, SIR?
GONG!
THAT RINGING IN MY EARS--IT CAN ONLY MEAN ONE THING--
AN EARTHQUAKE, M'LORD?
NO, YOU FOOL! A FAMILY REUNION!
LOOK! THERE HE IS!
WE'RE TOGETHER AGAIN AFTER ALL THESE YEARS!
SAY HELLO TO MY LONG-LOST, FIRST-BORN ROBOTIC SON...
GONG!

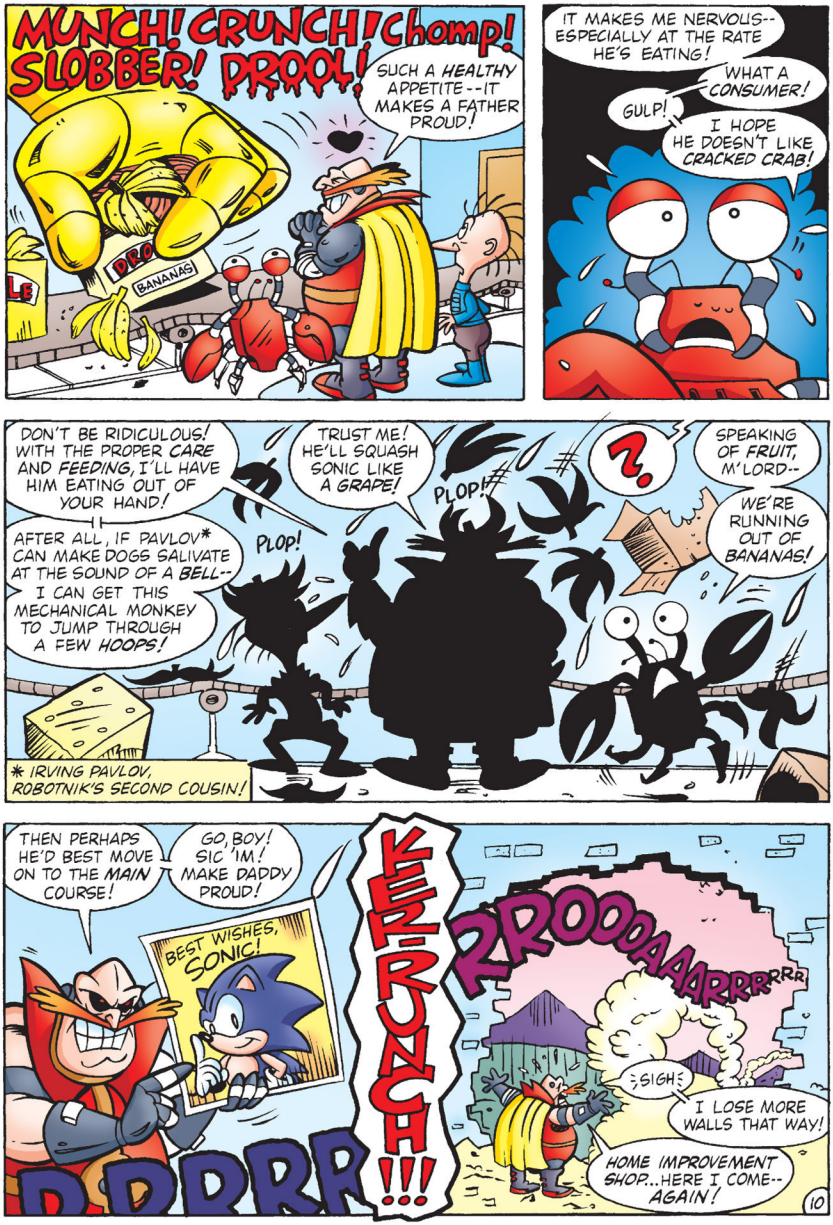

GONG! GONG!
RRRR
QUARTZ
TIMING
...KING GONG!

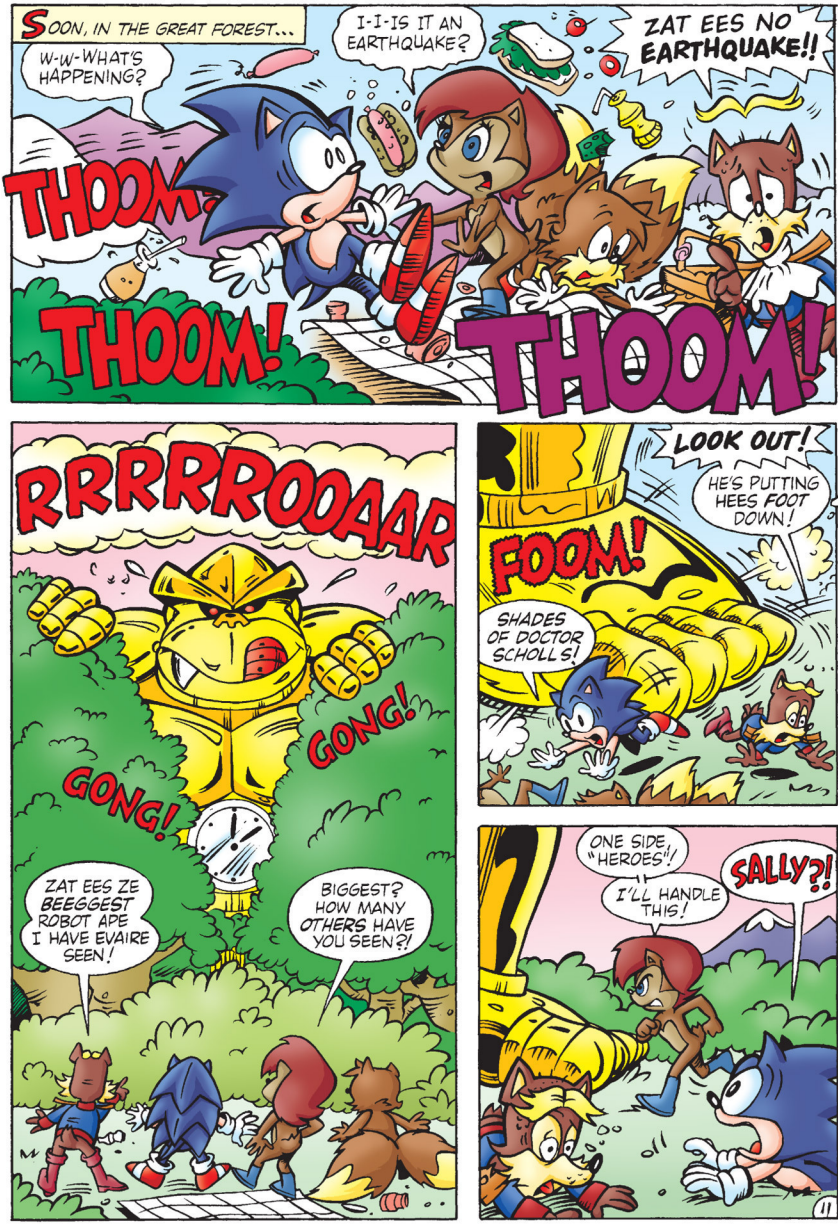

-CLICK-
GRIND
SNIFF
?
QUICK! WHIP OUT THE CAMERAS! THIS IS DEFINITELY A KODAK MOMENT!
I THINK "SONNY" IS CAMERA SHY, DOCTOR!
NONSENSE! HE'S PROBABLY JUST HUNGRY!
THAT'S WHAT WE'RE AFRAID OF!
NOT TO WORRY!
TWEET!
I CAME PREPARED!
AFTER ALL -- IF HE LOOKS AND THINKS LIKE AN APE--
HE CAN'T HELP BUT GO BANANAS FOR BANANAS!
REPUBLIC BANANAS
#1 "GREAT WITH CEREAL"
SAVE ROOM FOR DESSERT, M' BOY!
THERE'S A CERTAIN HEDGEHOG I'D LIKE YOU TO DEVOUR! HEH-HEH-HEH!
MUNCH CRUNCH! GNOSH!
END OF PART I


DO WE HAVE EVERYTHING WE NEED FOR OUR PICNIC,
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
IN "GORILLA WARFARE" PART II
OR "THE APES OF WRATH"
LET'S SEE...
PICKLES--
CHILI-DOGS--
ICE CREAM--
CHILI-DOGS--
PEANUT BUTTER--
CHILI-DOGS--
AND BANANAS!
ERT!
YEP! ALL HERE!


HOPE ROBOTNIK DOESN'T CRASH THE PARTY!
DON'T WORRY! HE'S BEEN MISSING FOR WEEKS!
I KNOW! BUT WHATEVER HE'S BEEN UP TO LATELY--


"-- IT CAN'T BE ANYTHING GOOD!"
BAM! BAM!
MOBIUS EXPRESS
TO:
CONTENTS: ONE GIANT ROBOT APE
PATIENCE, M'BOY! PATIENCE!
DINNER'S ALMOST READY!
ROBOTNIK, INC.
FACTORY STORE


MUNCH! CRUNCH! Chomp!
SLOBBER! DROOL!
SUCH A HEALTHY APPETITE--IT MAKES A FATHER PROUD!
BANANAS
IT MAKES ME NERVOUS--ESPECIALLY AT THE RATE HE'S EATING!
WHAT A CONSUMER!
GULP!
I HOPE HE DOESN'T LIKE CRACKED CRAB!
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS! WITH THE PROPER CARE AND FEEDING, I'LL HAVE HIM EATING OUT OF YOUR HAND!
AFTER ALL, IF PAVLOV* CAN MAKE DOGS SALIVATE AT THE SOUND OF A BELL--I CAN GET THIS MECHANICAL MONKEY TO JUMP THROUGH A FEW HOOPS!
TRUST ME! HE'LL SQUASH SONIC LIKE A GRAPE!
PLOP!
PLOP!
?
SPEAKING OF FRUIT, M'LORD--
WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF BANANAS!
* IRVING PAVLOV, ROBOTNIK'S SECOND COUSIN!
THEN PERHAPS HE'D BEST MOVE ON TO THE MAIN COURSE!
GO, BOY! SIC 'IM! MAKE DADDY PROUD!
BEST WISHES, SONIC!
DRRRR
KERRUNCH!!!
RROOOAAARRRRRR
;SIGH;
I LOSE MORE WALLS THAT WAY!
HOME IMPROVEMENT SHOP...HERE I COME--AGAIN!


SOON, IN THE GREAT FOREST...
W-W-WHAT'S HAPPENING?
I-I-IS IT AN EARTHQUAKE?
ZAT EES NO EARTHQUAKE!!
THOOM!
THOOM!
THOOM!
RRRROOAAR
GONG!
GONG!
ZAT EES ZE BEEGGEST ROBOT APE I HAVE EVAIRE SEEN!
BIGGEST? HOW MANY OTHERS HAVE YOU SEEN?!
LOOK OUT!
HE'S PUTTING HEES FOOT DOWN!
FOOM!
SHADES OF DOCTOR SCHOLL'S!
ONE SIDE, "HEROES"!
I'LL HANDLE THIS!
SALLY?!
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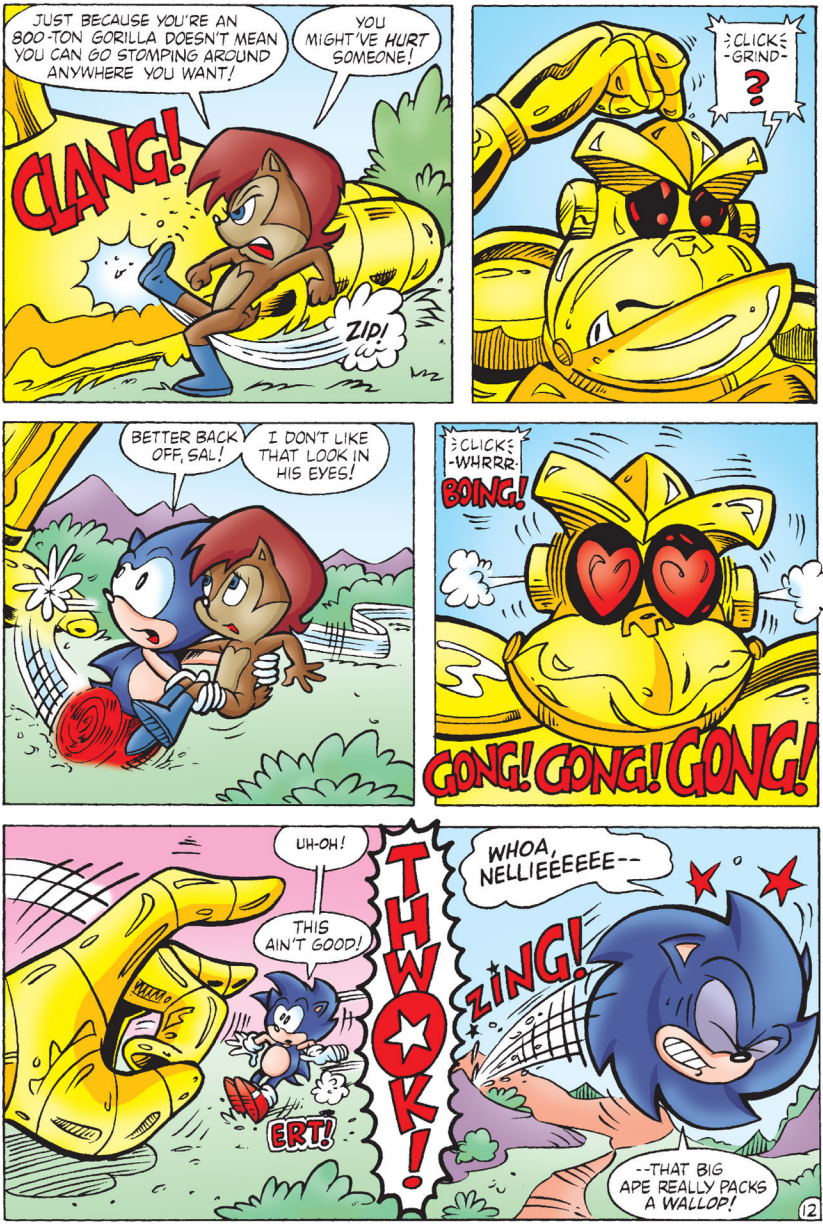
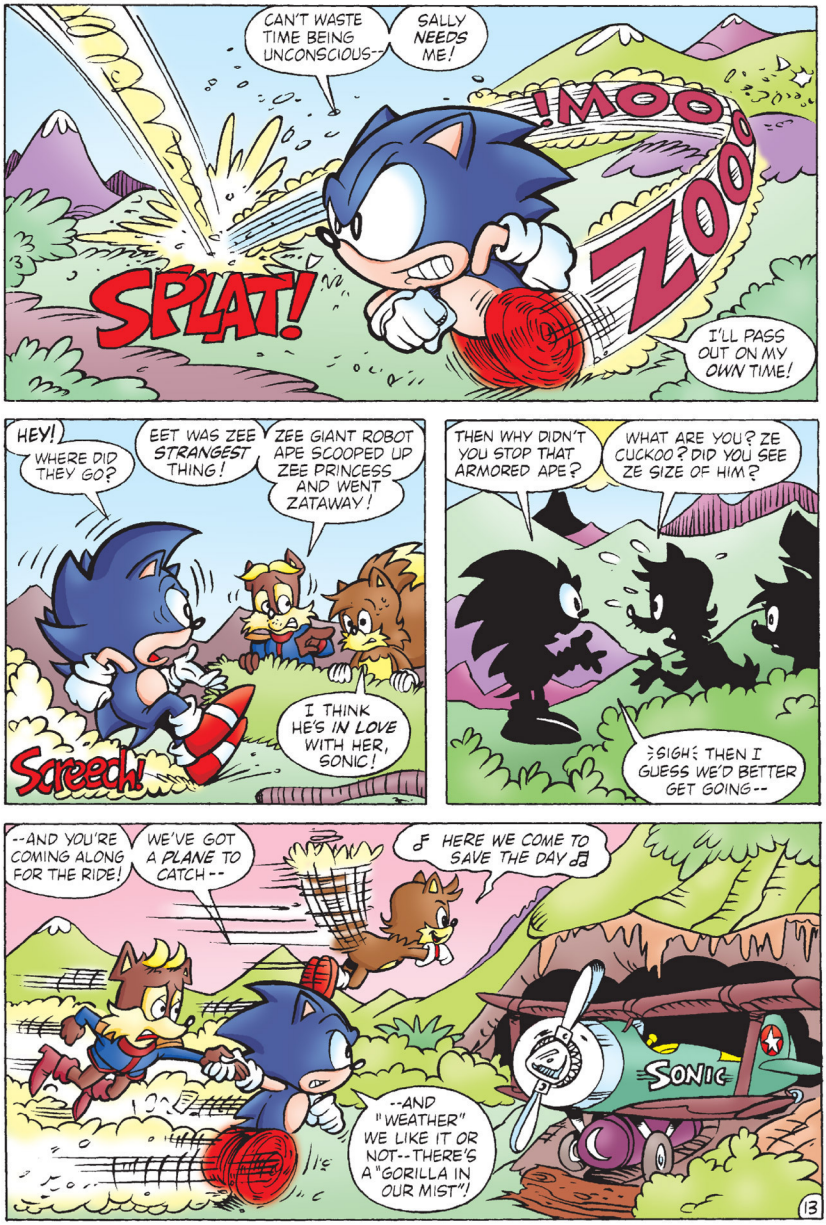

JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE AN 800-TON GORILLA DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN GO STOMPING AROUND ANYWHERE YOU WANT!
YOU MIGHT'VE HURT SOMEONE!
CLANG!
ZIP!
CLICK -GRIND-
?
BETTER BACK OFF, SAL!
I DON'T LIKE THAT LOOK IN HIS EYES!
CLICK -WHRRR-
BOING!
GONG! GONG! GONG!
UH-OH!
THIS AIN'T GOOD!
ERT!
THWOK!
WHOA, NELLIEEEEEE--
ZING!
--THAT BIG APE REALLY PACKS A WALLOP!


CAN'T WASTE TIME BEING UNCONSCIOUS--
SALLY NEEDS ME!
SPLAT!
!MOO
ZOO
I'LL PASS OUT ON MY OWN TIME!
HEY! WHERE DID THEY GO?
EET WAS ZEE STRANGEST THING!
ZEE GIANT ROBOT APE SCOOPED UP ZEE PRINCESS AND WENT ZATAWAY!
I THINK HE'S IN LOVE WITH HER, SONIC!
Screech!
THEN WHY DIDN'T YOU STOP THAT ARMORED APE?
WHAT ARE YOU? ZE CUCKOO? DID YOU SEE ZE SIZE OF HIM?
SIGH THEN I GUESS WE'D BETTER GET GOING--
--AND YOU'RE COMING ALONG FOR THE RIDE!
WE'VE GOT A PLANE TO CATCH--
HERE WE COME TO SAVE THE DAY
--AND "WEATHER" WE LIKE IT OR NOT--THERE'S A "GORILLA IN OUR MIST"!
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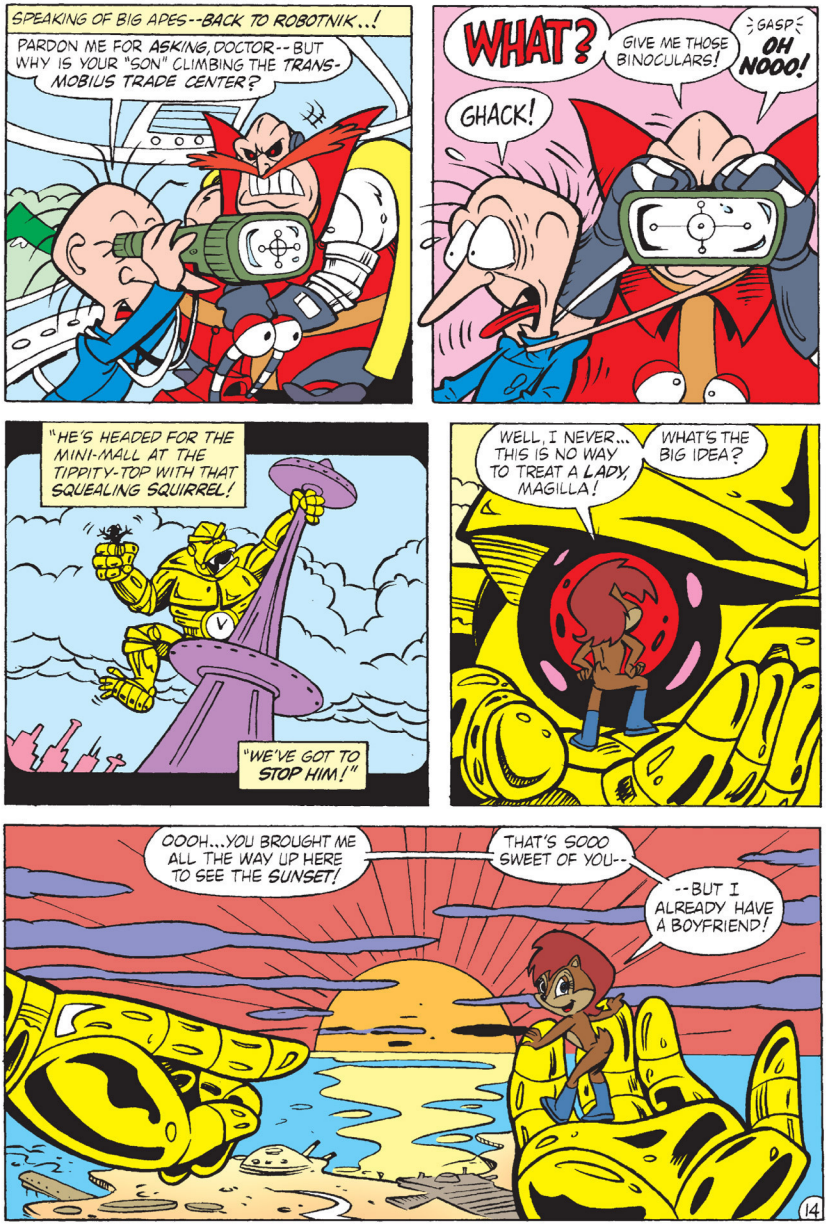
SPEAKING OF BIG APES--BACK TO ROBOTNIK..!
PARDON ME FOR ASKING, DOCTOR--BUT WHY IS YOUR "SON" CLIMBING THE TRANS-MOBIUS TRADE CENTER?
WHAT?
GIVE ME THOSE BINOCULARS!
GASP!
OH NOOO!
GHACK!
"HE'S HEADED FOR THE MINI-MALL AT THE TIPPITY-TOP WITH THAT SQUEALING SQUIRREL!
"WE'VE GOT TO STOP HIM!"
WELL, I NEVER... THIS IS NO WAY TO TREAT A LADY, MAGILLA!
WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?
OOOH...YOU BROUGHT ME ALL THE WAY UP HERE TO SEE THE SUNSET!
THAT'S SOOO SWEET OF YOU--
--BUT I ALREADY HAVE A BOYFRIEND!

AND SPEAKING OF SONIC...
BOGEY AT TWELVE O'CLOCK HIGH! HE'S GOT SALLY, SONIC!
LET'S MOVE IN FOR A CLOSER LOOK!
BANANA OIL RESERVOIR BIO-DEGRADABLE
UH-OH! I THINK HE'S SPOTTED US!
RROAR
RRRRRRRRRRRRRR
THEN I GUESS IT'S TIME I SPIN INTO ACTION!
BOING!
BOMBS AWAY!
ZING!
KLONG!
UNH!
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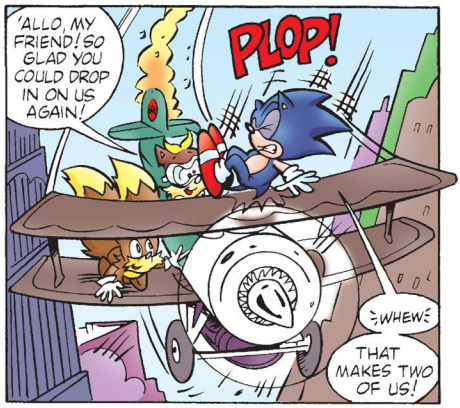
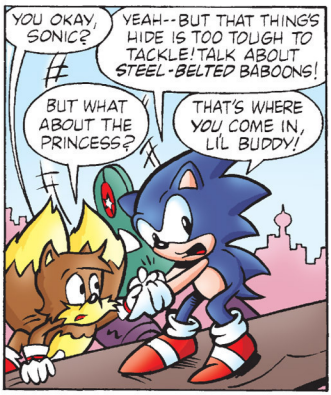
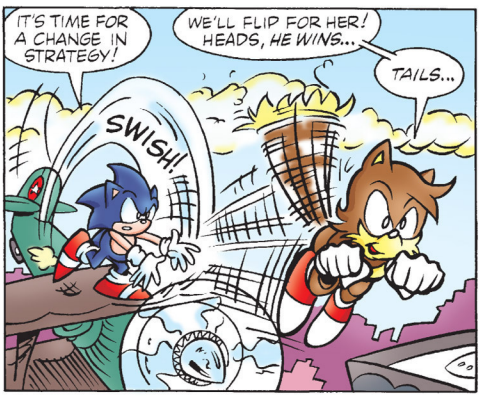
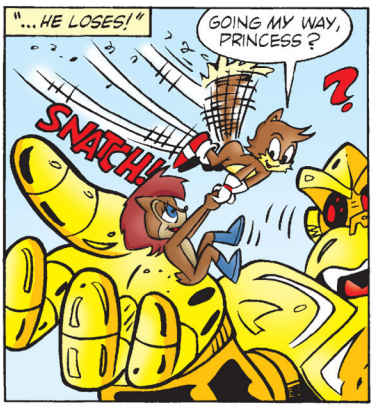
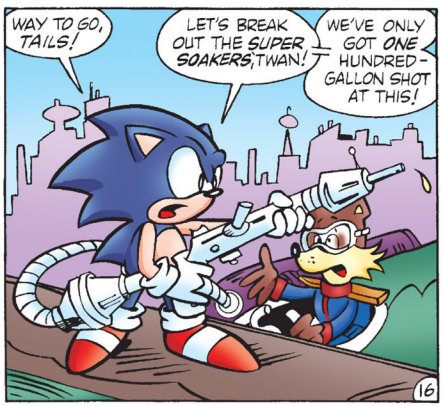
OOOPS! MAYBE I SHOULDN'T HAVE LEAPED BEFORE I LOOKED!
IT'S A LO-O-ONG WAY DOWN!
HALLLLP!!

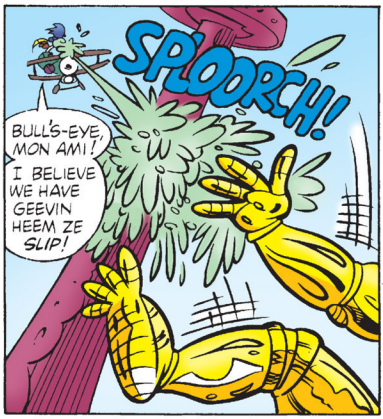

'ALLO, MY FRIEND! SO GLAD YOU COULD DROP IN ON US AGAIN!
PLOP!
WHEW!
THAT MAKES TWO OF US!

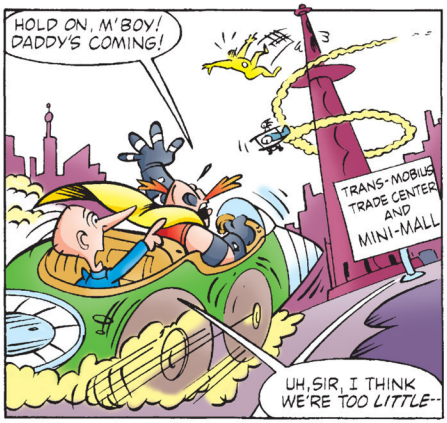

YOU OKAY, SONIC?
YEAH--BUT THAT THING'S HIDE IS TOO TOUGH TO TACKLE! TALK ABOUT STEEL-BELTED BABOONS!
BUT WHAT ABOUT THE PRINCESS?
THAT'S WHERE YOU COME IN, LIL BUDDY!

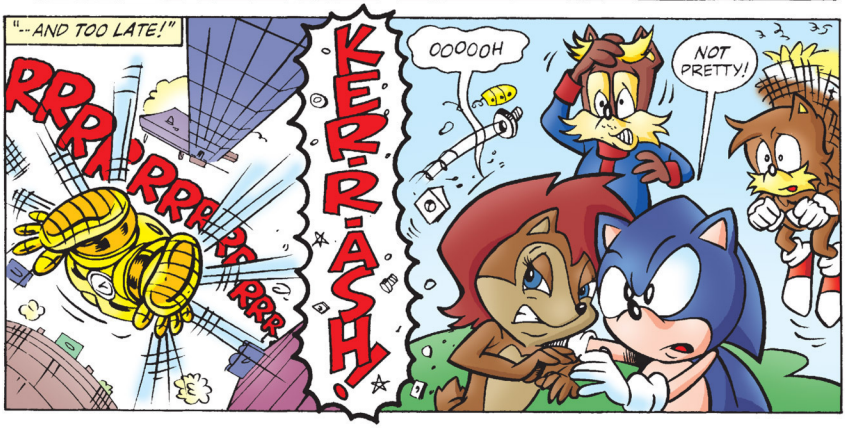

IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE IN STRATEGY!
WE'LL FLIP FOR HER! HEADS, HE WINS...
TAILS...
SWISH!

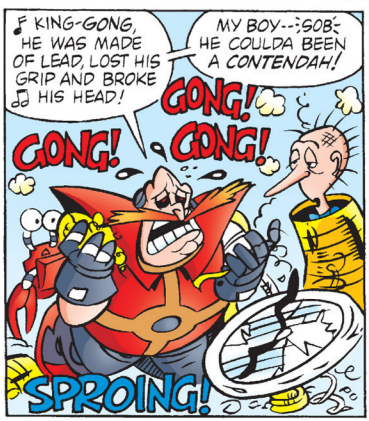

"...HE LOSES!"
GOING MY WAY, PRINCESS?
SNATCH!

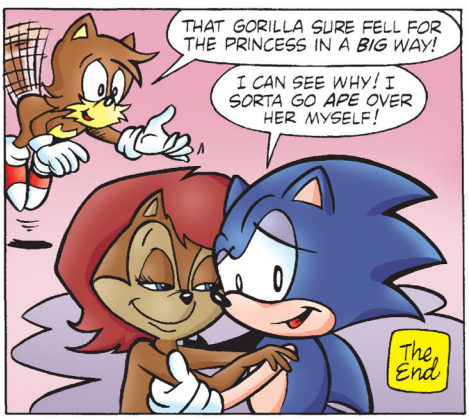

WAY TO GO, TAILS!
LET'S BREAK OUT THE SUPER SOAKERS, TWAN!
WE'VE ONLY GOT ONE HUNDRED-GALLON SHOT AT THIS!

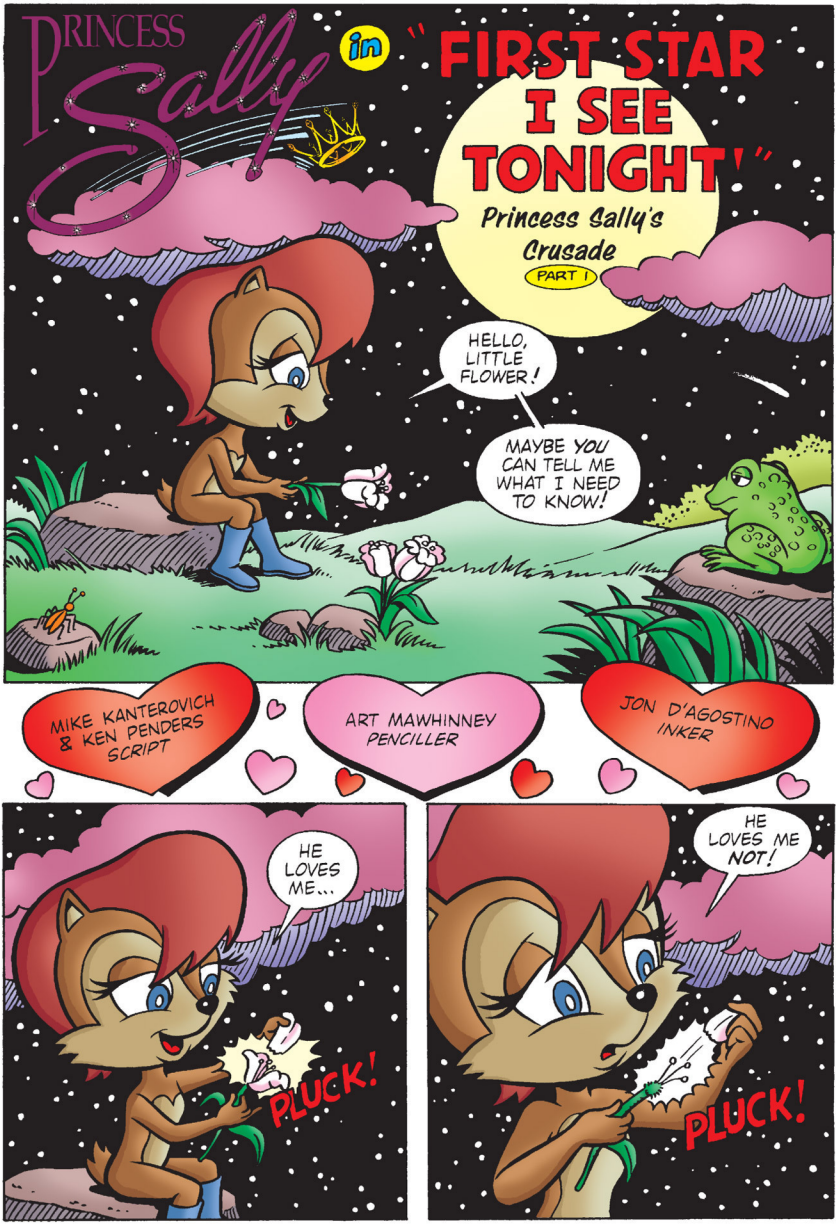

SPLOORCH!
BULL'S-EYE, MON AMI! I BELIEVE WE HAVE GEEVIN HEEM ZE SLIP!

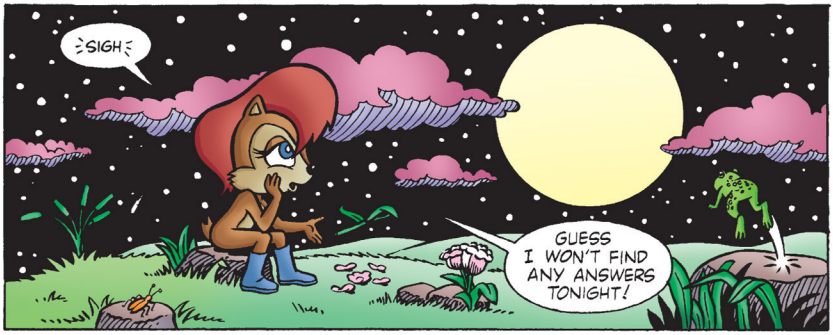

HOLD ON, M'BOY! DADDY'S COMING!
TRANS-MOBIUS TRADE CENTER AND MINI-MALL
UH, SIR, I THINK WE'RE TOO LITTLE--


"--AND TOO LATE!"
RRRRRRRRRRR
KER-R-ASH!
OOOOOH
NOT PRETTY!

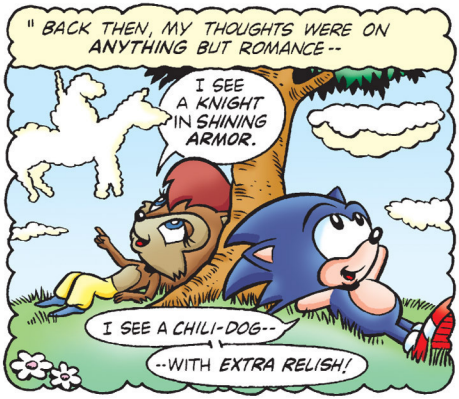

♪ KING-GONG, HE WAS MADE OF LEAD, LOST HIS GRIP AND BROKE HIS HEAD! ♫
MY BOY--SOB-- HE COULDA BEEN A CONTENDAH!
GONG!
GONG!
GONG!
SPROING!


THAT GORILLA SURE FELL FOR THE PRINCESS IN A BIG WAY!
I CAN SEE WHY! I SORTA GO APE OVER HER MYSELF!
The End


PRINCESS Sally in
"FIRST STAR I SEE TONIGHT!"
Princess Sally's Crusade
PART 1
HELLO, LITTLE FLOWER!
MAYBE YOU CAN TELL ME WHAT I NEED TO KNOW!
MIKE KANTEROVICH & KEN PENDERS SCRIPT
ART MAWHINNEY PENCILLER
JON D'AGOSTINO INKER
HE LOVES ME...
PLUCK!
HE LOVES ME NOT!
PLUCK!


:SIGH:
GUESS I WON'T FIND ANY ANSWERS TONIGHT!

THINGS SEEMED MUCH LESS COMPLICATED WHEN I WAS YOUNG!


"BACK THEN, MY THOUGHTS WERE ON ANYTHING BUT ROMANCE--
I SEE A KNIGHT IN SHINING ARMOR.
I SEE A CHILI-DOG--
--WITH EXTRA RELISH!

"FUN WAS FUN, BUT MY DUTIES AS PRINCESS ALWAYS CAME FIRST!
"SINCE BIRTH I HAD BEEN GROOMED TO ONE DAY TAKE MY PLACE UPON THE THRONE--
" LITTLE DID I SUSPECT--
--HOW SOON THAT DAY WOULD COME.

"ALMOST OVERNIGHT, MY FATHER HAD VANISHED AND ROBOTNIK APPEARED, SPREADING HIS UNIQUE BRAND OF TYRANNY ACROSS THE LAND."
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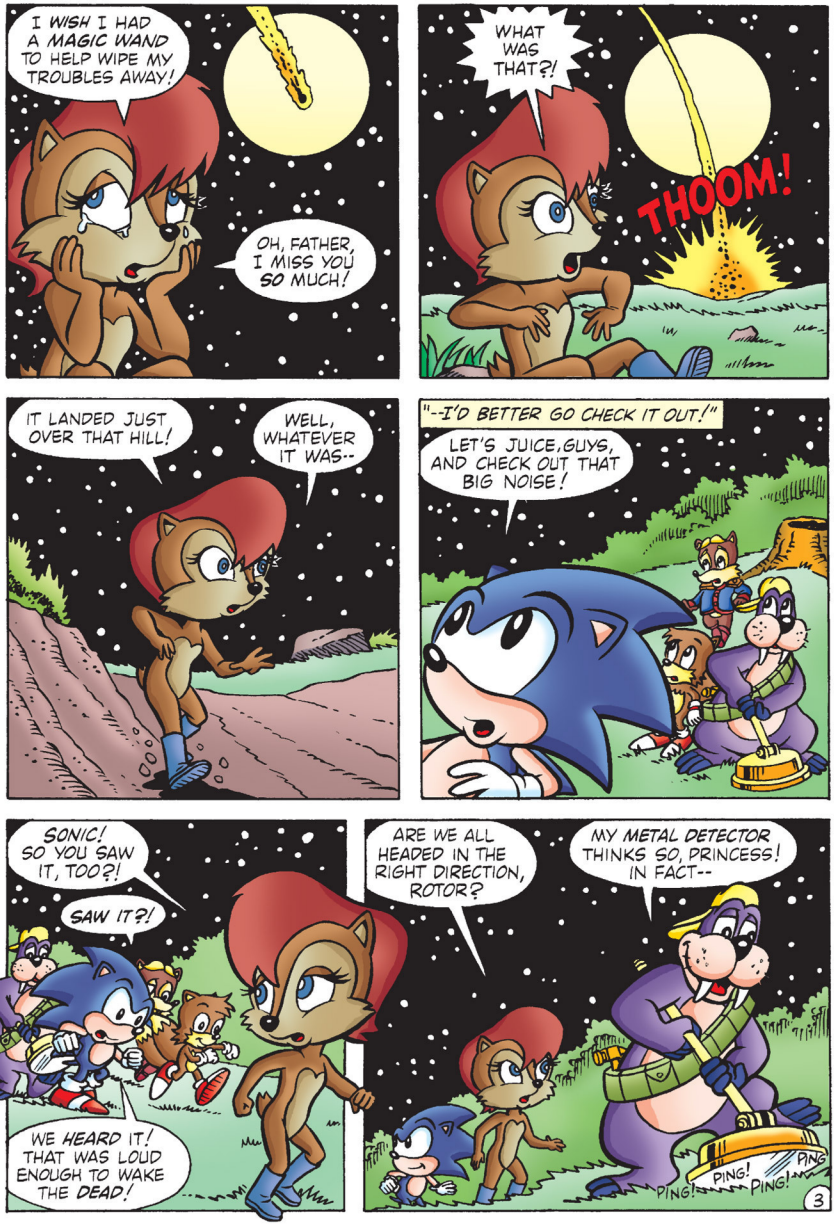
I WISH I HAD A MAGIC WAND TO HELP WIPE MY TROUBLES AWAY!
OH, FATHER, I MISS YOU SO MUCH!
WHAT WAS THAT?!
THOOM!
IT LANDED JUST OVER THAT HILL!
WELL, WHATEVER IT WAS--
"--I'D BETTER GO CHECK IT OUT!"
LET'S JUICE, GUYS, AND CHECK OUT THAT BIG NOISE!
SONIC! SO YOU SAW IT, TOO?!
SAW IT?!
WE HEARD IT! THAT WAS LOUD ENOUGH TO WAKE THE DEAD!
ARE WE ALL HEADED IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, ROTOR?
MY METAL DETECTOR THINKS SO, PRINCESS! IN FACT--
PING!
PING!
PING!
PING
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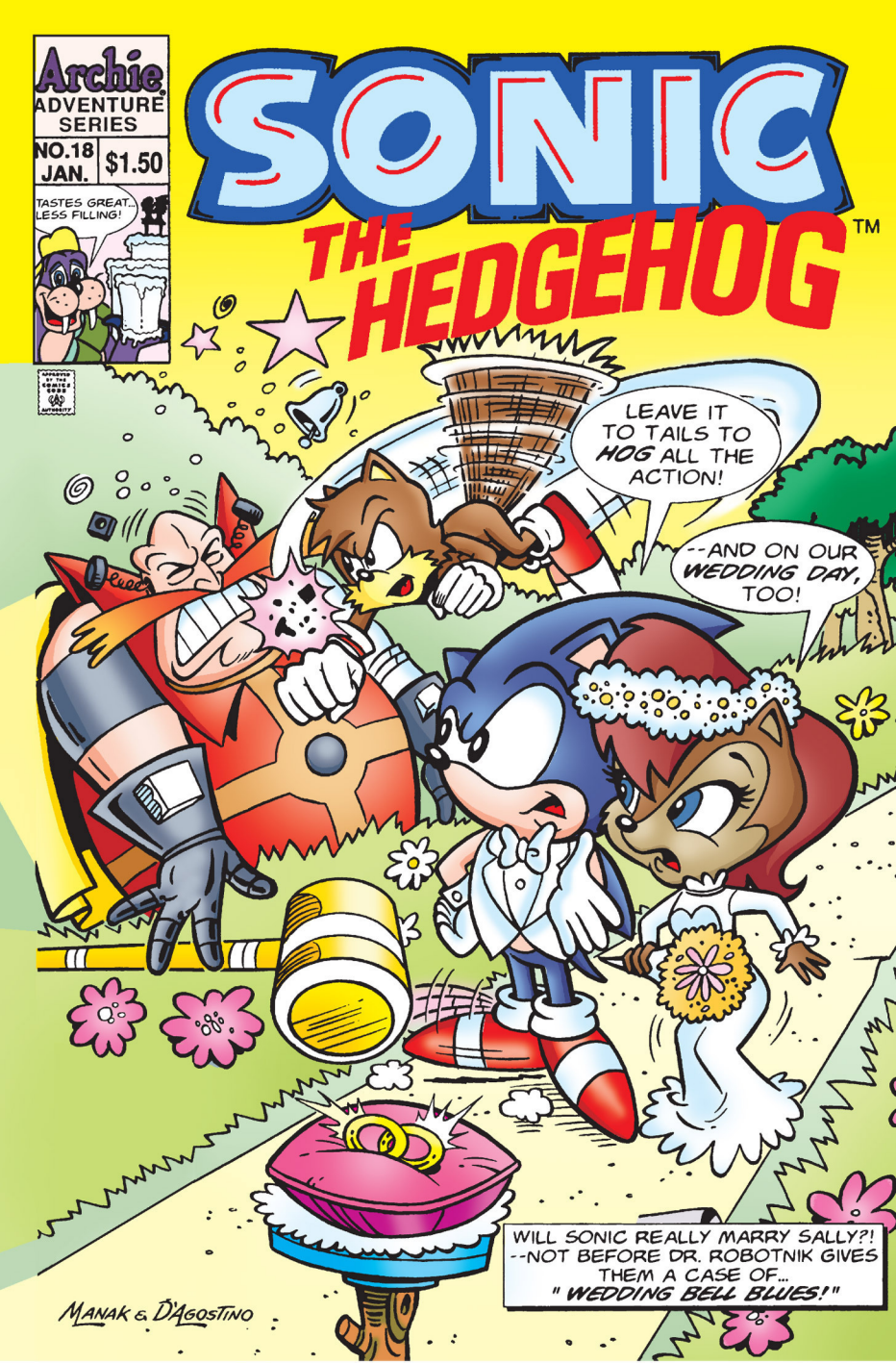
THERE IT IS!
WAY COOL!
YOU'RE RIGHT, SONIC!
IT IS COOL--
--COOL TO THE TOUCH!
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
HMMMMM...
I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT! WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE IT COULD BE?
I'M NOT SURE, ROTOR--
--BUT THIS MAY WELL BE THE ANSWER TO ALL OF MY WISHES!
THE END... FOR NOW.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TASTES GREAT... LESS FILLING!
SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG
LEAVE IT TO TAILS TO HOG ALL THE ACTION!
--AND ON OUR WEDDING DAY, TOO!
WILL SONIC REALLY MARRY SALLY?! --NOT BEFORE DR. ROBOTNIK GIVES THEM A CASE OF... "WEDDING BELL BLUES!"
MANAK & D'AGOSTINO

THIS OLD BARN IS THE PERFECT PLACE FOR OUR WEDDING,
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™
I'M NOT SO SURE ANTOINE WOULD AGREE WITH YOU, SAL!
LOOKS LIKE HE'S GOTTEN HIMSELF CAUGHT UP IN THE FESTIVITIES!
OUI! I HAVE BEEN SWEPT OFF MY FEET!
DON'T JUST STAND ZAIRE! DO SOMETHING!
I AM DOING SOMETHING, TWAN! I'M LAUGHING MY HEDGEHOG HEAD OFF!
IT SEEMS LIKE I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE AROUND HERE WITH A CASE OF THE--
WEDDING BELL BLUES!
PART 1

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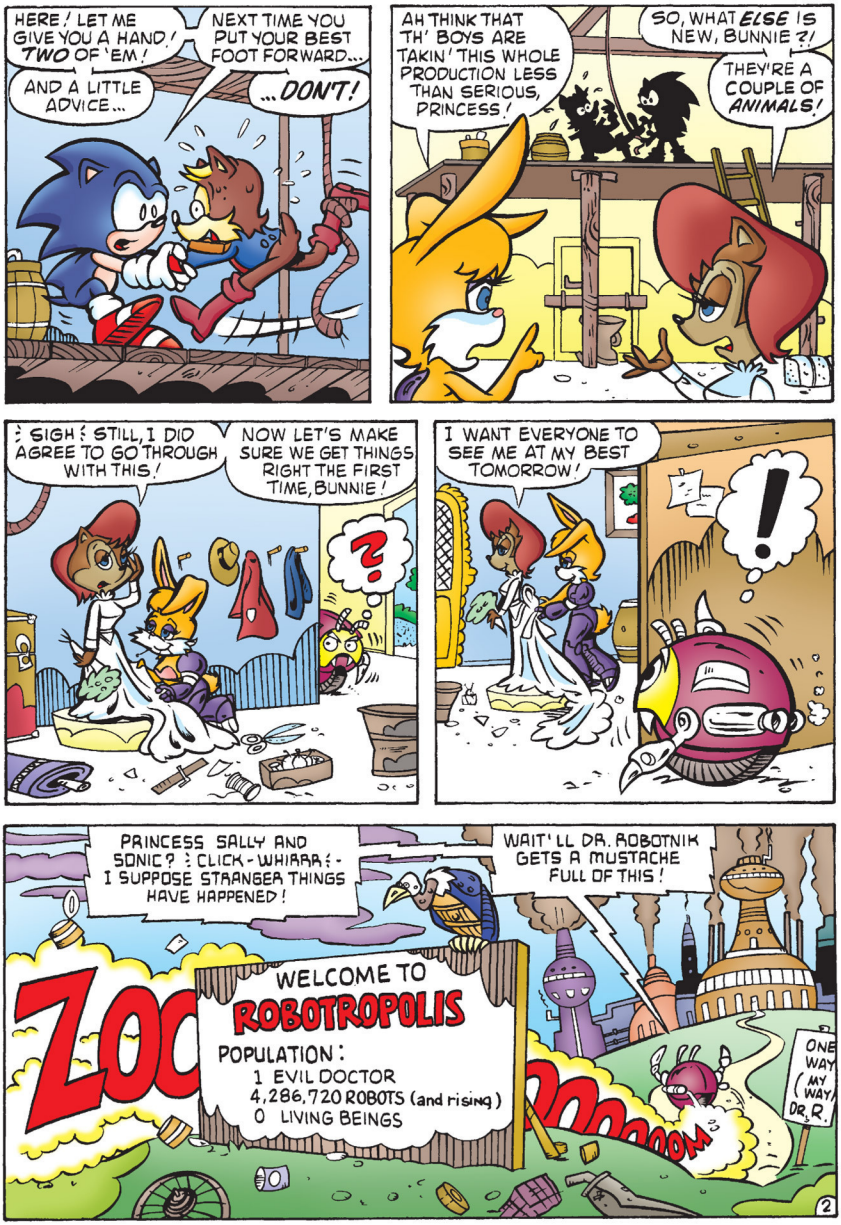
HERE! LET ME GIVE YOU A HAND! TWO OF 'EM!
AND A LITTLE ADVICE...
NEXT TIME YOU PUT YOUR BEST FOOT FORWARD...
...DON'T!
AH THINK THAT TH' BOYS ARE TAKIN' THIS WHOLE PRODUCTION LESS THAN SERIOUS, PRINCESS!
SO, WHAT ELSE IS NEW, BUNNIE?!
THEY'RE A COUPLE OF ANIMALS!
:SIGH: STILL, I DID AGREE TO GO THROUGH WITH THIS!
NOW LET'S MAKE SURE WE GET THINGS RIGHT THE FIRST TIME, BUNNIE!
?
I WANT EVERYONE TO SEE ME AT MY BEST TOMORROW!
!
PRINCESS SALLY AND SONIC? :CLICK-WHIRRR:- I SUPPOSE STRANGER THINGS HAVE HAPPENED!
WAIT'LL DR. ROBOTNIK GETS A MUSTACHE FULL OF THIS!
ZOC
WELCOME TO
ROBOTROPOLIS
POPULATION:
1 EVIL DOCTOR
4,286,720 ROBOTS (and rising)
0 LIVING BEINGS
ONE WAY (MY WAY) DR. R.
KRAKOOM
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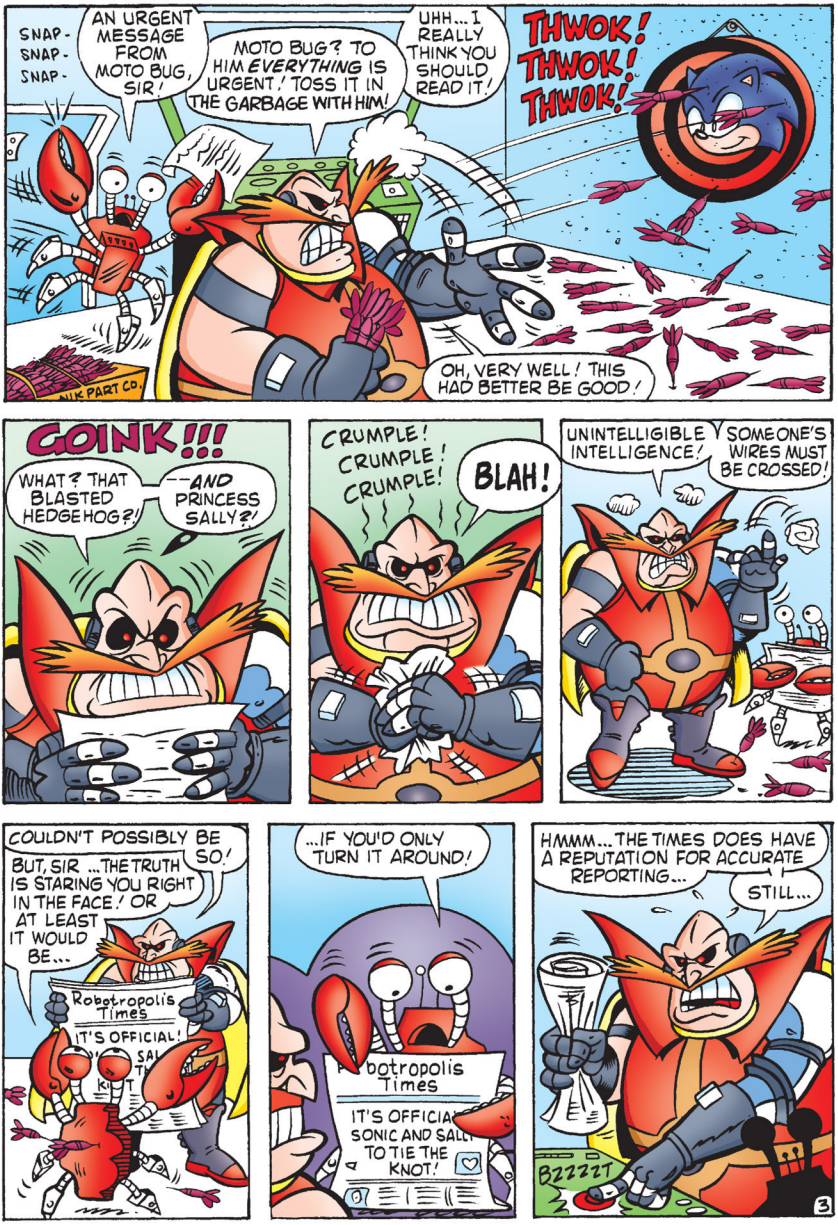
SNAP-
SNAP-
SNAP-
AN URGENT MESSAGE FROM MOTO BUG, SIR!
MOTO BUG? TO HIM EVERYTHING IS URGENT! TOSS IT IN THE GARBAGE WITH HIM!
UHH... I REALLY THINK YOU SHOULD READ IT!
THWOK! THWOK! THWOK!
OH, VERY WELL! THIS HAD BETTER BE GOOD!
GOINK!!!
WHAT? THAT BLASTED HEDGEHOG?!
--AND PRINCESS SALLY?!
CRUMPLE! CRUMPLE! CRUMPLE!
BLAH!
UNINTELLIGIBLE INTELLIGENCE!
SOMEONE'S WIRES MUST BE CROSSED!
COULDN'T POSSIBLY BE SO!
BUT, SIR ...THE TRUTH IS STARING YOU RIGHT IN THE FACE! OR AT LEAST IT WOULD BE...
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IT'S OFFICIAL!
...IF YOU'D ONLY TURN IT AROUND!
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IT'S OFFICIA
SONIC AND SALL
TO TIE THE KNOT!
HMMM...THE TIMES DOES HAVE A REPUTATION FOR ACCURATE REPORTING...
STILL...
BZZZZT
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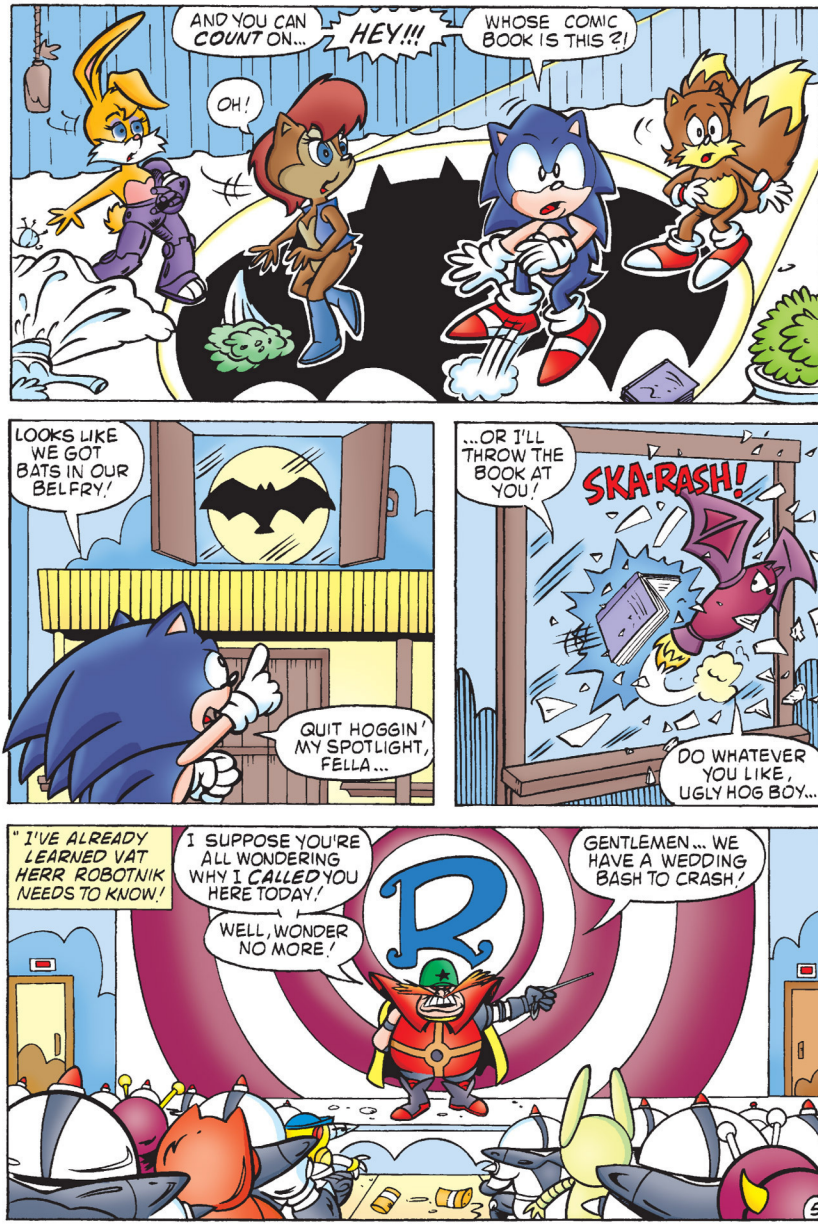
IT NEVER HURTS TO CHECK THE FACTS!
YOU RANG, HERR DOKTOR?
INDEED I DID, BAT BRAIN! THERE'S A PARTY IN PROGRESS AND I WASN'T INVITED!
GO TO THE ABANDONED BARN ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE CITY...
ROBOTORIUM
"--AND GATHER ME SOME INTELLIGENT INTELLIGENCE FOR A CHANGE!"
TOMORROW'S THE BIG DAY, SALLY! ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO GO THROUGH WITH IT?
HRMPH! THAT'S A SILLY QUESTION! YOU KNOW AS WELL AS I DO THAT WE'VE COME TOO FAR TO BACK OUT NOW!
BESIDES, THIS WAS ALL YOUR IDEA IN THE FIRST PLACE!
MY IDEA? I THOUGHT IT WAS YOURS!
OOOO... YOU'RE NOT TAKING THIS SERIOUSLY!
I AM! I JUST GOT A CLASSIC CASE OF COLD FEET -- OR IN MY CASE, MAYBE THAT'S COLD SNEAKERS!
WHEN TOMORROW COMES, I'LL BE THERE TO SAY, "YAHOO, I DO!"


AND YOU CAN COUNT ON...
HEY!!!
WHOSE COMIC BOOK IS THIS?!
OH!
LOOKS LIKE WE GOT BATS IN OUR BELFRY!
QUIT HOGGIN' MY SPOTLIGHT, FELLA...
...OR I'LL THROW THE BOOK AT YOU!
SKA-RASH!
DO WHATEVER YOU LIKE, UGLY HOG BOY...
"I'VE ALREADY LEARNED VAT HERR ROBOTNIK NEEDS TO KNOW!
I SUPPOSE YOU'RE ALL WONDERING WHY I CALLED YOU HERE TODAY!
WELL, WONDER NO MORE!
GENTLEMEN... WE HAVE A WEDDING BASH TO CRASH!
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FOR FAR TOO LONG, SONIC THE HEDGEHOG AND HIS RIDICULOUS BAND OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS HAVE THWARTED MY BEST EFFORTS!
THAT'S BECAUSE OUR BEST EFFORTS HAVEN'T BEEN GOOD ENOUGH!
BUT, NO MORE!
TODAY IS THE DAY THAT WE DESTROY THEM ONCE AND FOR ALL!
THWAP!
MANY OF YOU WILL NOT RETURN FROM THE COMING CONFLICT!
FRANKLY, I COULD CARE LESS!
ALL THAT MATTERS IS THAT OUR OBJECTIVE IS ACHIEVED...
...AT ANY COST!
ONWARD, TROOPS! TO VICTORY!
TO VICTORY!!!
HUT-HUT!
CRONCH!
BOING!
CLONK!
KLANK!
OOF!
END PART 1
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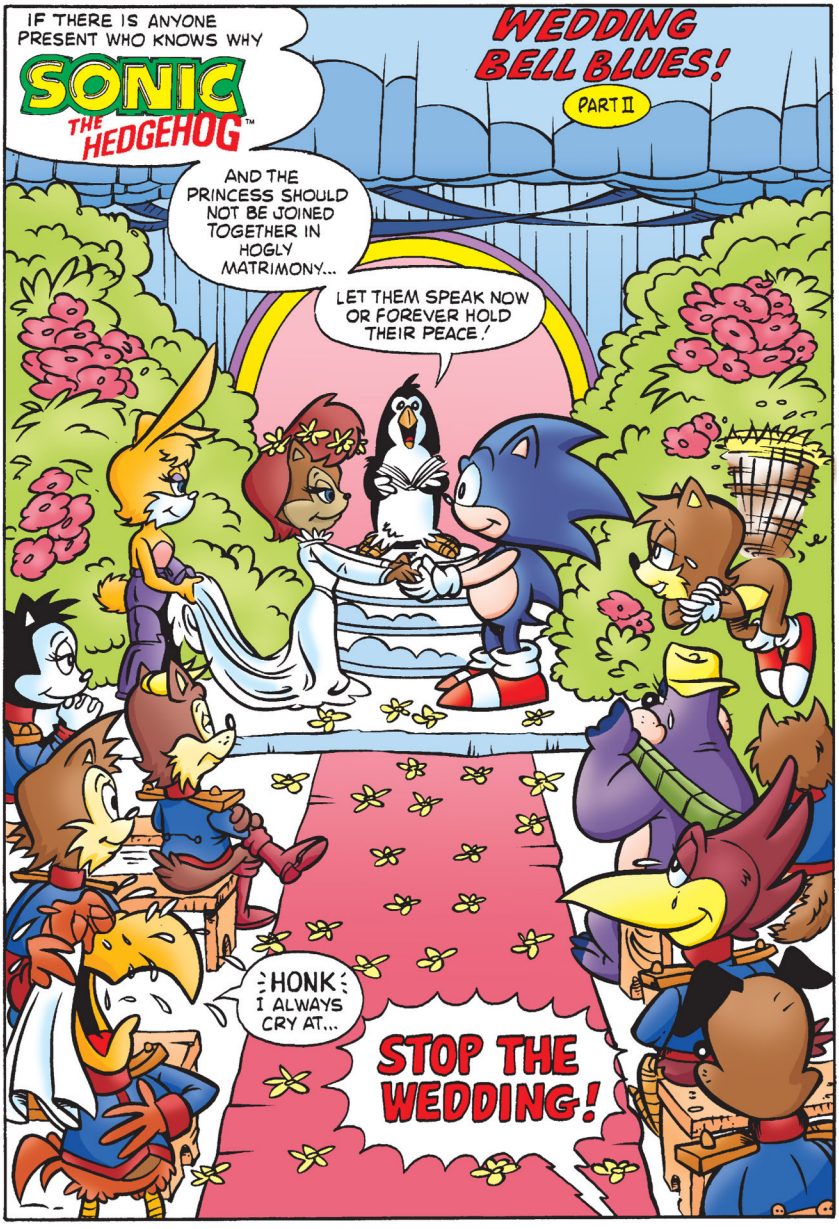
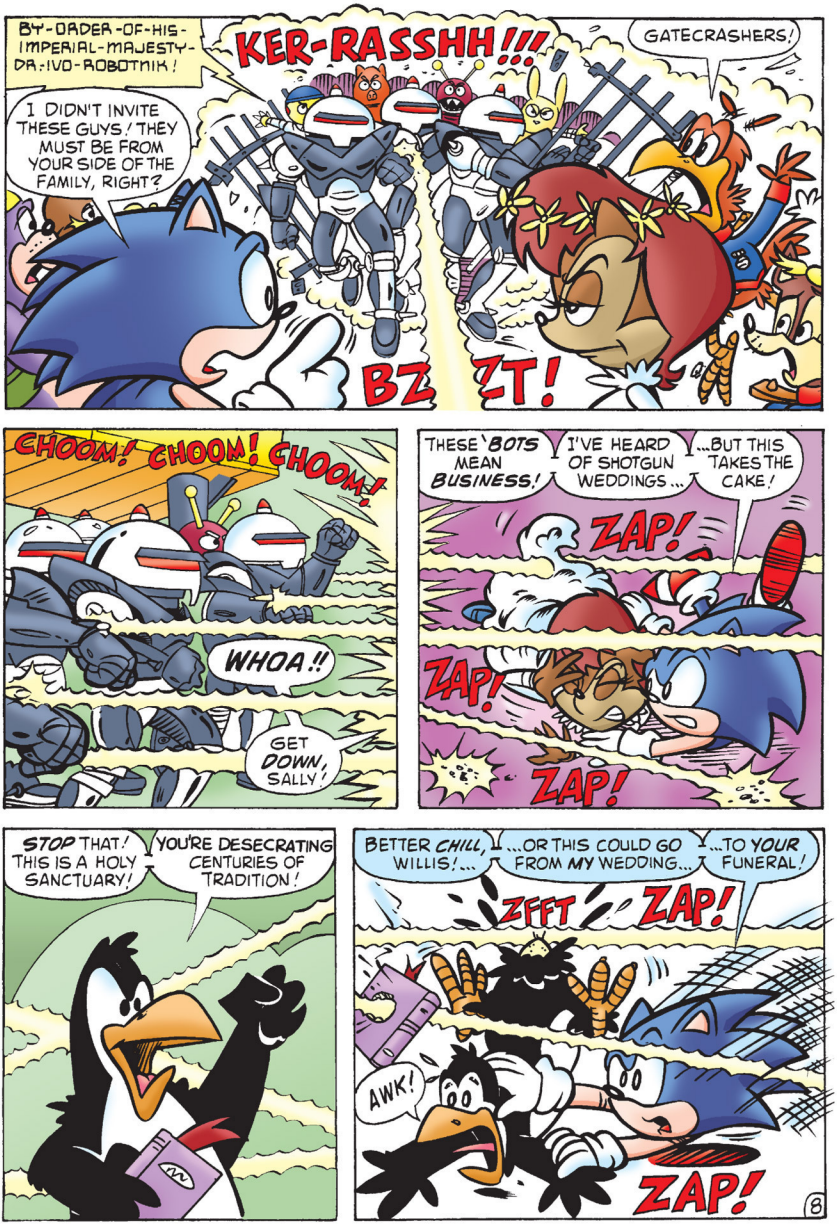

IF THERE IS ANYONE PRESENT WHO KNOWS WHY
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™
AND THE PRINCESS SHOULD NOT BE JOINED TOGETHER IN HOGLY MATRIMONY...
LET THEM SPEAK NOW OR FOREVER HOLD THEIR PEACE!
WEDDING BELL BLUES!
PART II
HONK I ALWAYS CRY AT...
STOP THE WEDDING!


BY-ORDER-OF-HIS-IMPERIAL-MAJESTY-DR.IVO-ROBOTNIK!
KER-RASSHH!!!
GATECRASHERS!
I DIDN'T INVITE THESE GUYS! THEY MUST BE FROM YOUR SIDE OF THE FAMILY, RIGHT?
BZ
ZT!
CHOOM! CHOOM! CHOOM!
WHOA!!
GET DOWN, SALLY!
THESE 'BOTS MEAN BUSINESS!
I'VE HEARD OF SHOTGUN WEDDINGS...
...BUT THIS TAKES THE CAKE!
ZAP!
ZAP!
ZAP!
STOP THAT! THIS IS A HOLY SANCTUARY!
YOU'RE DESECRATING CENTURIES OF TRADITION!
BETTER CHILL, WILLIS!...
...OR THIS COULD GO FROM MY WEDDING...
...TO YOUR FUNERAL!
ZFFT
ZAP!
AWK!
ZAP!
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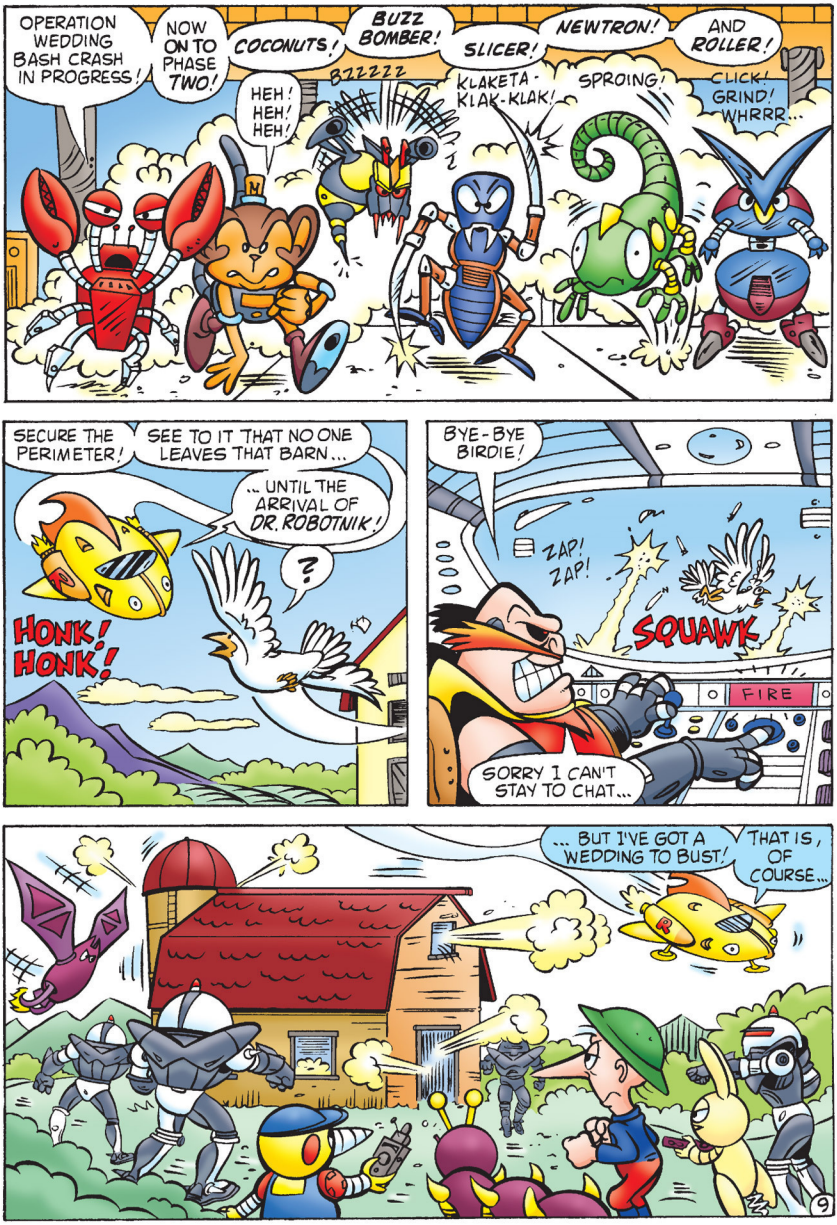
OPERATION WEDDING BASH CRASH IN PROGRESS!
NOW ON TO PHASE TWO!
COCONUTS!
BUZZ BOMBER!
SLICER!
NEWTRON!
AND ROLLER!
HEH! HEH! HEH!
BZZZZZ
KLAKETA-KLAK-KLAK!
SPROING!
CLICK! GRIND! WHRRR...
SECURE THE PERIMETER!
SEE TO IT THAT NO ONE LEAVES THAT BARN...
...UNTIL THE ARRIVAL OF DR. ROBOTNIK!
?
HONK! HONK!
BYE-BYE BIRDIE!
ZAP! ZAP!
SQUAWK
FIRE
SORRY I CAN'T STAY TO CHAT...
... BUT I'VE GOT A WEDDING TO BUST!
THAT IS, OF COURSE...

"...IF IT HASN'T ALREADY BEEN BROKEN UP!"
ZAP!
ZAP!
POW!
ZAP!
BZZZZT!
BOING!
CRASH!
BONK!
BWZZZZZZZ
K-BAM!
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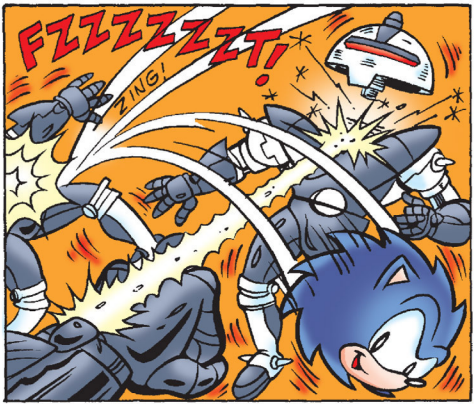
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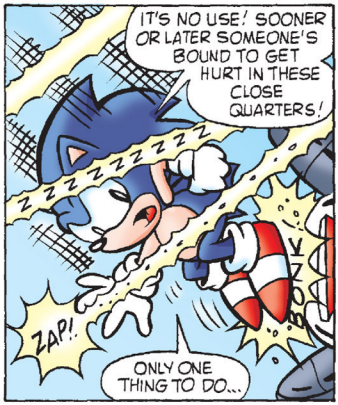
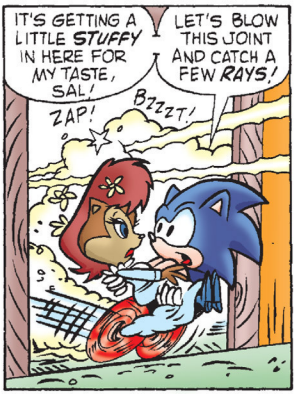
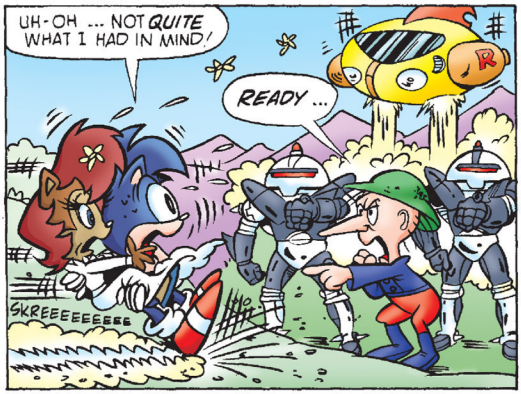
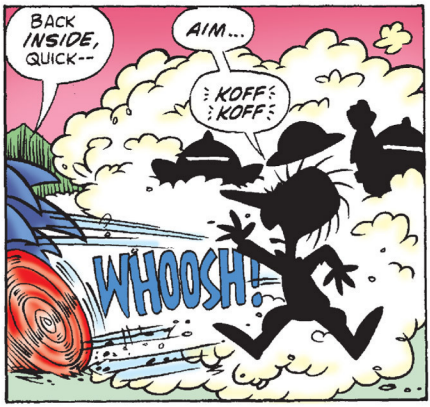
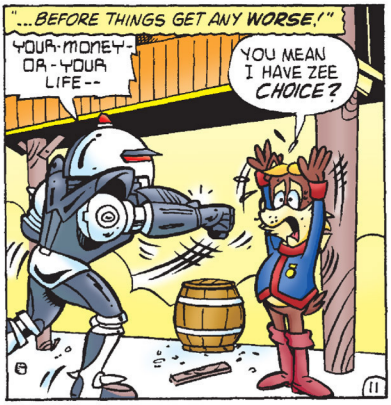
ZING!

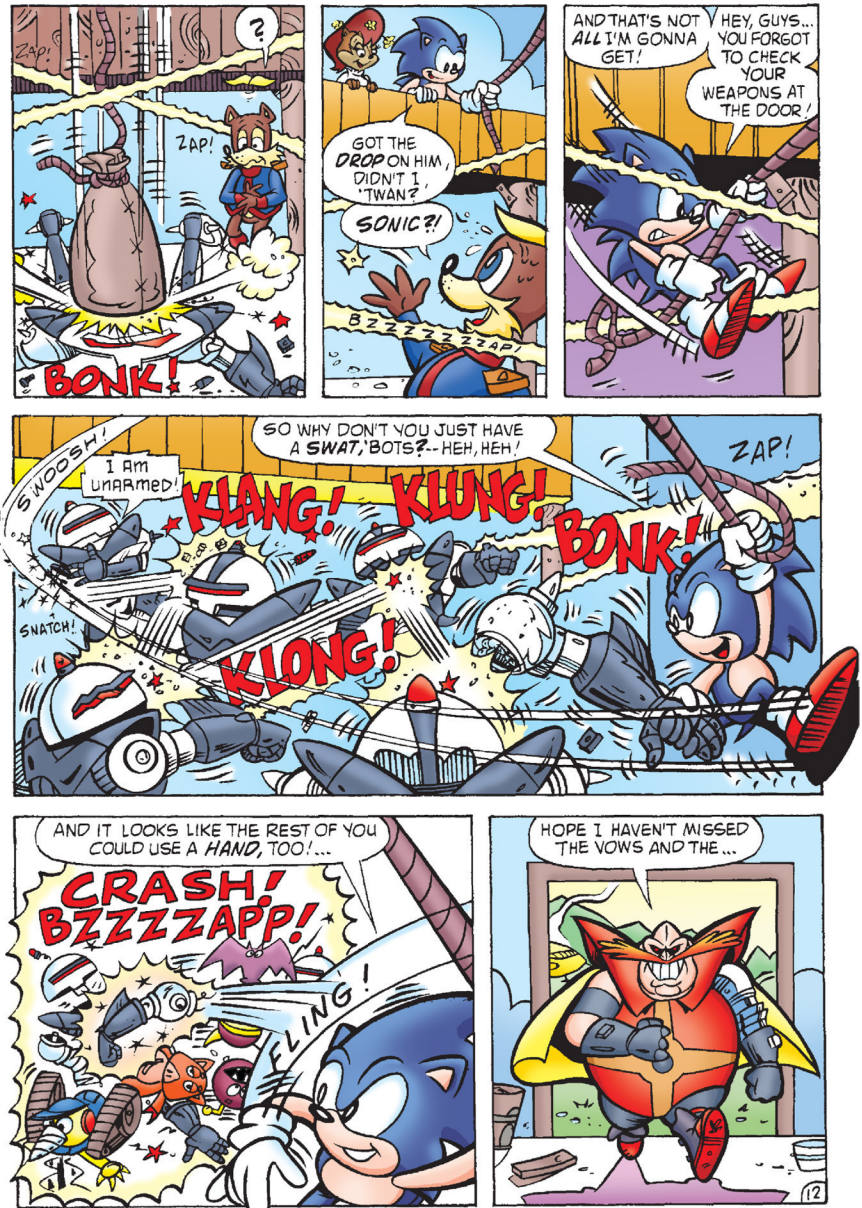

IT'S NO USE! SOONER OR LATER SOMEONE'S BOUND TO GET HURT IN THESE CLOSE QUARTERS!
ZZZZZZZZ
ZAP!
ONLY ONE THING TO DO...


IT'S GETTING A LITTLE STUFFY IN HERE FOR MY TASTE, SAL!
LET'S BLOW THIS JOINT AND CATCH A FEW RAYS!
ZAP!
BZZZT!


UH-OH ... NOT QUITE WHAT I HAD IN MIND!
READY ...
SKREEEEEEEEE


BACK INSIDE, QUICK--
AIM...
KOFF KOFF
WHOOSH!


"...BEFORE THINGS GET ANY WORSE!"
YOUR MONEY OR YOUR LIFE--
YOU MEAN I HAVE ZEE CHOICE?


ZAP!
?
ZAP!
BONK!
GOT THE DROP ON HIM, DIDN'T I, 'TWAN?
SONIC?!
BZZZZZZZZAP!
AND THAT'S NOT ALL I'M GONNA GET!
HEY, GUYS... YOU FORGOT TO CHECK YOUR WEAPONS AT THE DOOR!
SWOOSH!
I Am UNARMED!
SNATCH!
SO WHY DON'T YOU JUST HAVE A SWAT,'BOTS?--HEH, HEH!
KLANG!
KLUNG!
KLONG!
BONK!
ZAP!
AND IT LOOKS LIKE THE REST OF YOU COULD USE A HAND, TOO!...
CRASH! BZZZZAPP!
FLING!
HOPE I HAVEN'T MISSED THE VOWS AND THE...
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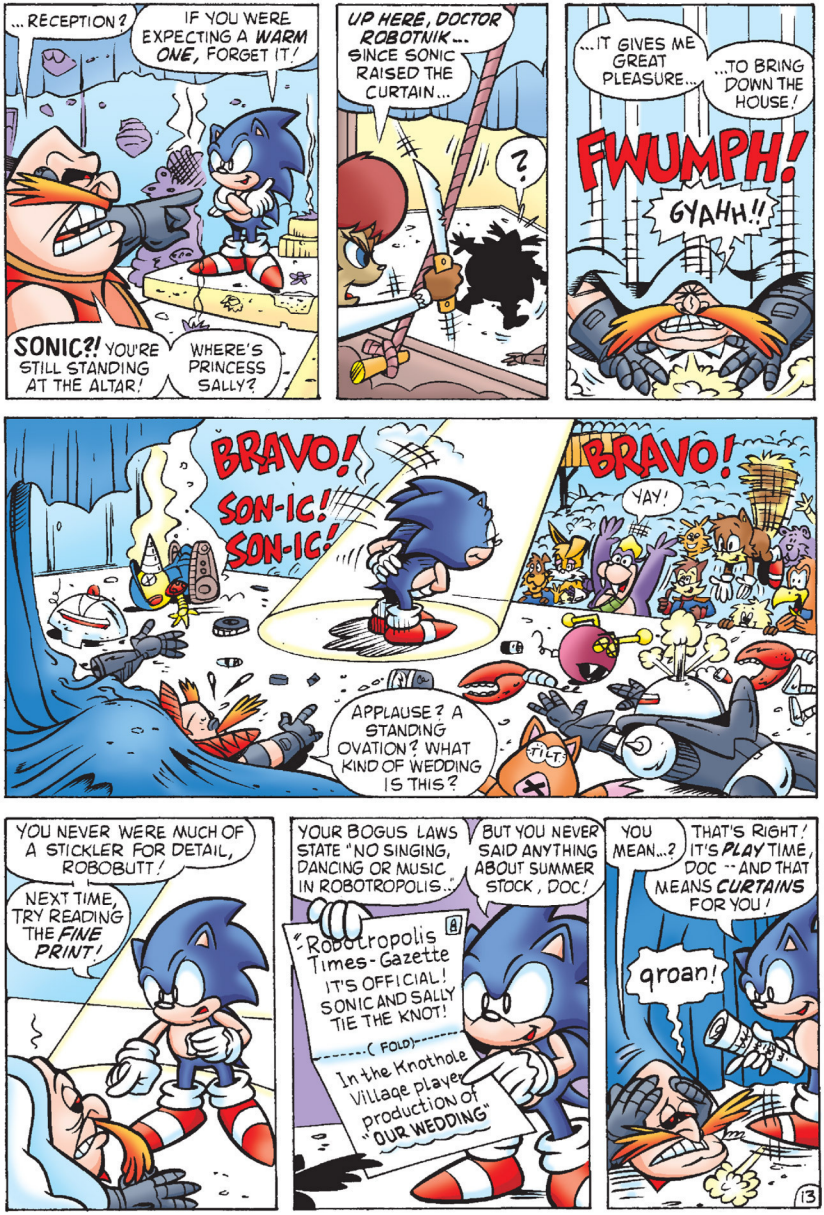
...RECEPTION?
IF YOU WERE EXPECTING A WARM ONE, FORGET IT!
SONIC?! YOU'RE STILL STANDING AT THE ALTAR!
WHERE'S PRINCESS SALLY?
UP HERE, DOCTOR ROBOTNIK... SINCE SONIC RAISED THE CURTAIN...
?
...IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE...
...TO BRING DOWN THE HOUSE!
FWUMPH!
GYAHH!!
BRAVO!
SON-IC!
SON-IC!
BRAVO!
YAY!
APPLAUSE? A STANDING OVATION? WHAT KIND OF WEDDING IS THIS?
YOU NEVER WERE MUCH OF A STICKLER FOR DETAIL, ROBOBUTT!
NEXT TIME, TRY READING THE FINE PRINT!
YOUR BOGUS LAWS STATE "NO SINGING, DANCING OR MUSIC IN ROBOTROPOLIS."
BUT YOU NEVER SAID ANYTHING ABOUT SUMMER STOCK, DOC!
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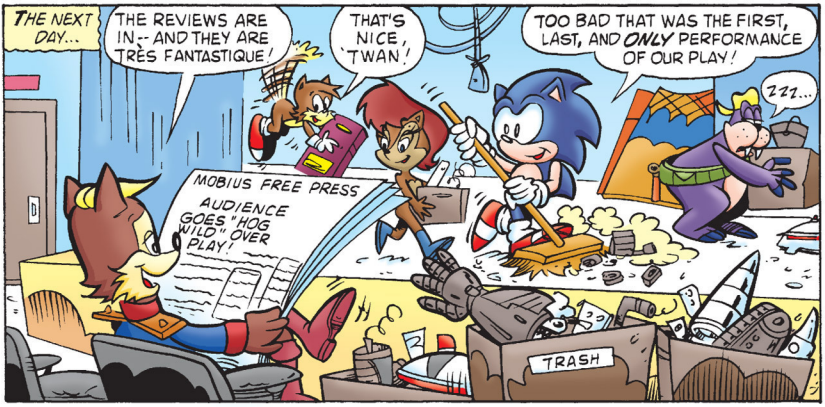
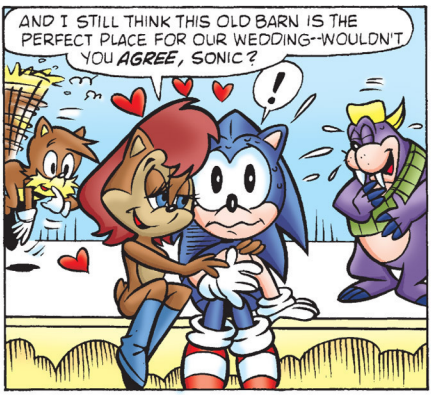
IT'S OFFICIAL! SONIC AND SALLY TIE THE KNOT!
(FOLD)
In the Knothole Village player production of "OUR WEDDING"
YOU MEAN...?
THAT'S RIGHT! IT'S PLAY TIME, DOC -- AND THAT MEANS CURTAINS FOR YOU!
groan!


THE NEXT DAY...
THE REVIEWS ARE IN--AND THEY ARE TRÈS FANTASTIQUE!
THAT'S NICE, 'TWAN!
TOO BAD THAT WAS THE FIRST, LAST, AND ONLY PERFORMANCE OF OUR PLAY!
ZZZ...
MOBIUS FREE PRESS
AUDIENCE GOES "HOG WILD" OVER PLAY!
TRASH

GUESS WE'RE NOT CUT OUT FOR SHOW BIZ, HUH, SAL?
OH, I DON'T KNOW! YOU'LL ALWAYS BE MY LEADING MAN!


AND I STILL THINK THIS OLD BARN IS THE PERFECT PLACE FOR OUR WEDDING--WOULDN'T YOU AGREE, SONIC?
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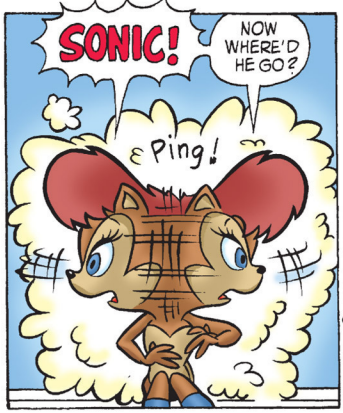
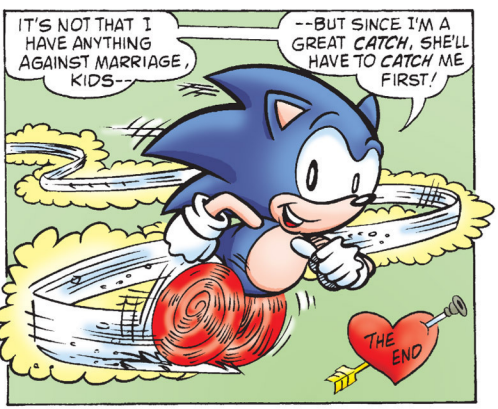
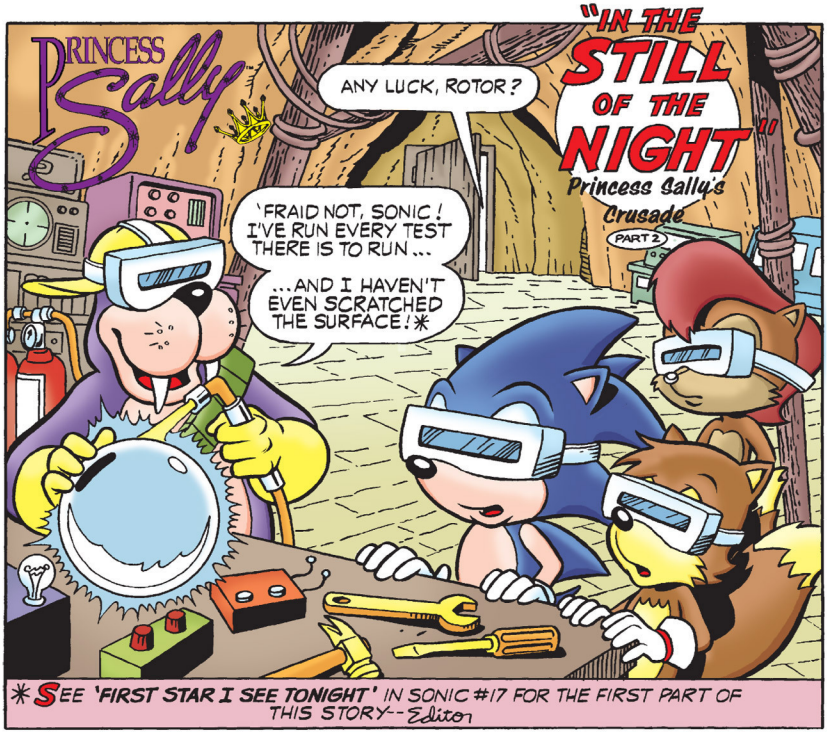

SONIC!
NOW WHERE'D HE GO?
Ping!


IT'S NOT THAT I HAVE ANYTHING AGAINST MARRIAGE, KIDS--
--BUT SINCE I'M A GREAT CATCH, SHE'LL HAVE TO CATCH ME FIRST!
THE END


PRINCESS Sally
"IN THE STILL OF THE NIGHT"
Princess Sally's Crusade
PART 2
ANY LUCK, ROTOR?
'FRAID NOT, SONIC! I'VE RUN EVERY TEST THERE IS TO RUN...
...AND I HAVEN'T EVEN SCRATCHED THE SURFACE!*

*SEE 'FIRST STAR I SEE TONIGHT' IN SONIC #17 FOR THE FIRST PART OF THIS STORY--Editor

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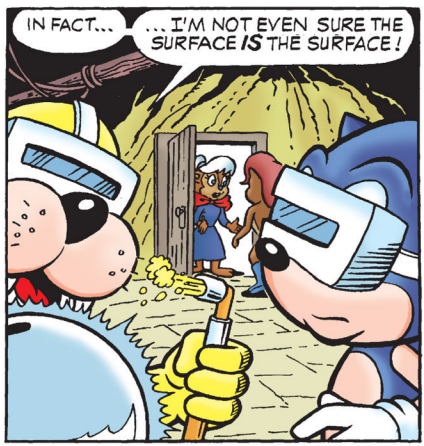
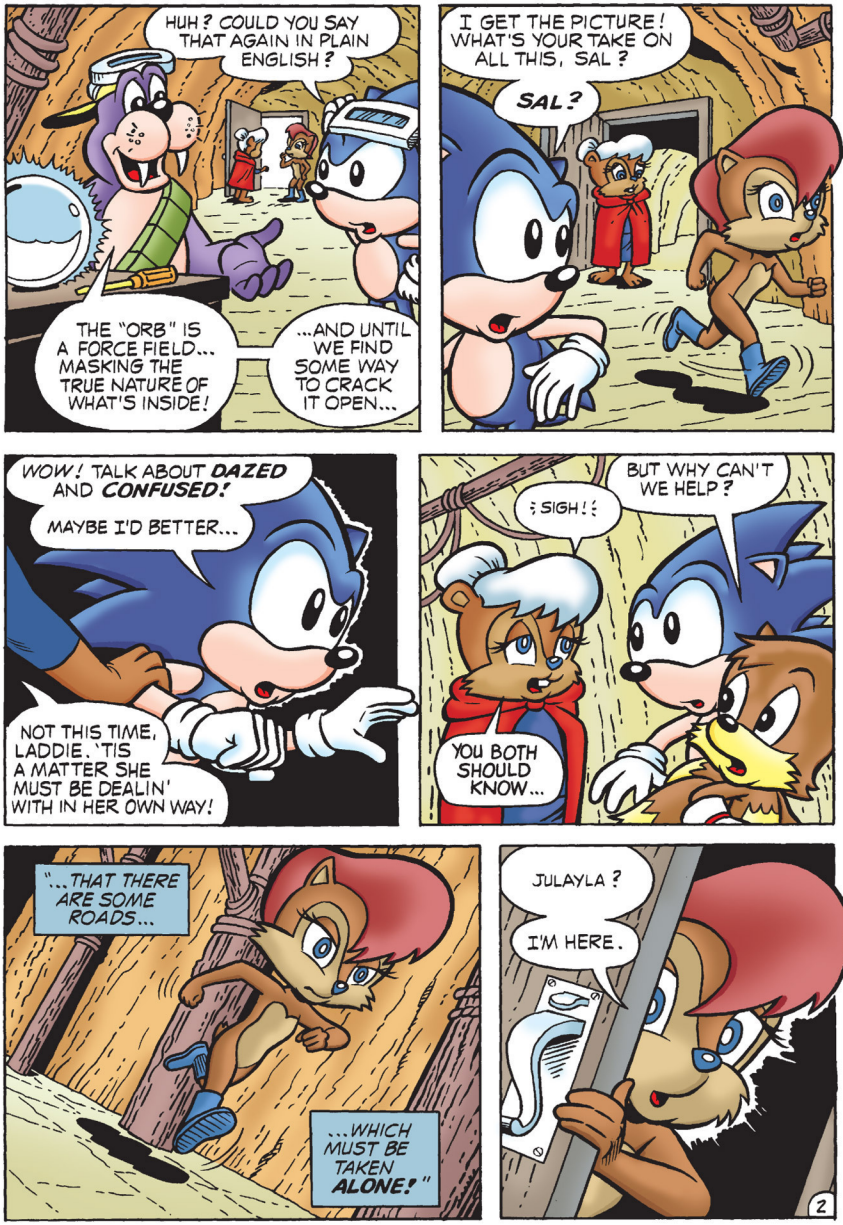
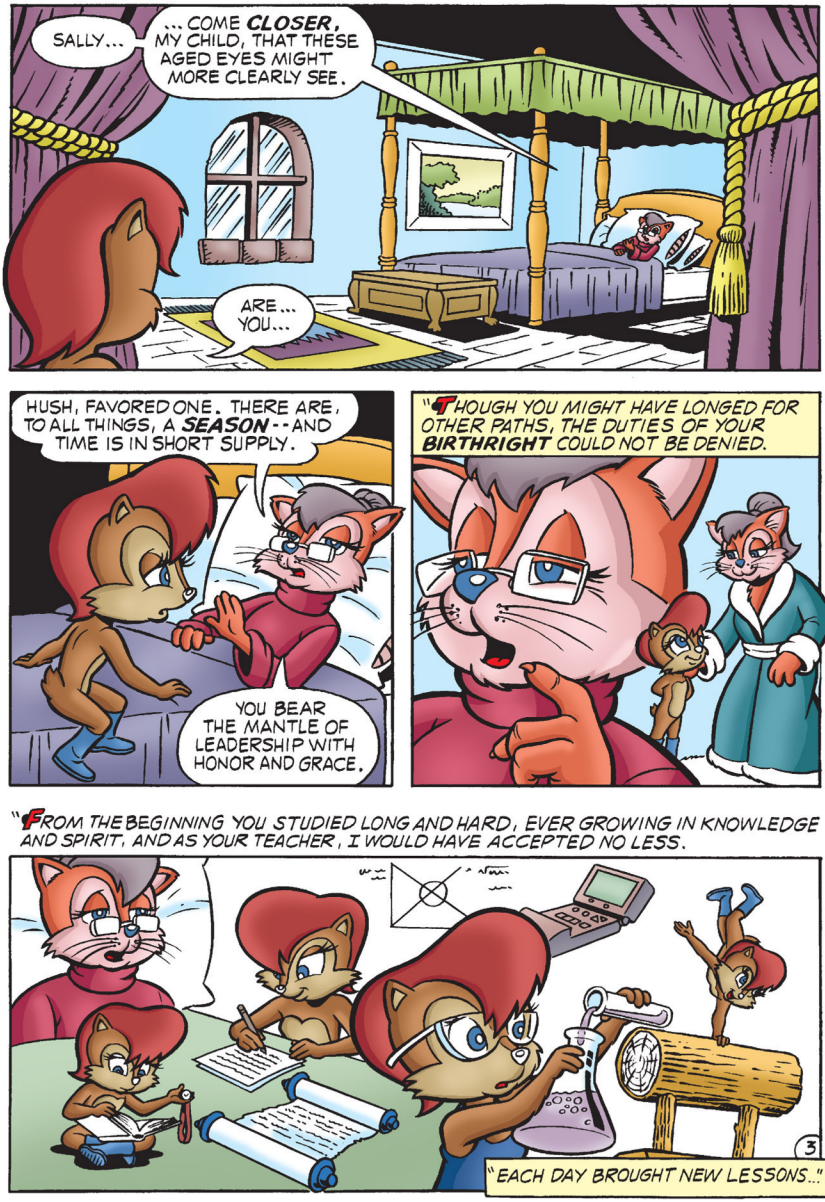



HUH? COULD YOU SAY THAT AGAIN IN PLAIN ENGLISH?
THE "ORB" IS A FORCE FIELD... MASKING THE TRUE NATURE OF WHAT'S INSIDE!
...AND UNTIL WE FIND SOME WAY TO CRACK IT OPEN...
I GET THE PICTURE! WHAT'S YOUR TAKE ON ALL THIS, SAL?
SAL?
WOW! TALK ABOUT DAZED AND CONFUSED!
MAYBE I'D BETTER...
NOT THIS TIME, LADDIE. 'TIS A MATTER SHE MUST BE DEALIN' WITH IN HER OWN WAY!
BUT WHY CAN'T WE HELP?
;SIGH!;
YOU BOTH SHOULD KNOW...
"...THAT THERE ARE SOME ROADS...
...WHICH MUST BE TAKEN ALONE!"
JULAYLA?
I'M HERE.


SALLY...
... COME CLOSER, MY CHILD, THAT THESE AGED EYES MIGHT MORE CLEARLY SEE.
ARE... YOU...
HUSH, FAVORED ONE. THERE ARE, TO ALL THINGS, A SEASON--AND TIME IS IN SHORT SUPPLY.
YOU BEAR THE MANTLE OF LEADERSHIP WITH HONOR AND GRACE.
"THOUGH YOU MIGHT HAVE LONGED FOR OTHER PATHS, THE DUTIES OF YOUR BIRTHRIGHT COULD NOT BE DENIED.
"FROM THE BEGINNING YOU STUDIED LONG AND HARD, EVER GROWING IN KNOWLEDGE AND SPIRIT, AND AS YOUR TEACHER, I WOULD HAVE ACCEPTED NO LESS.
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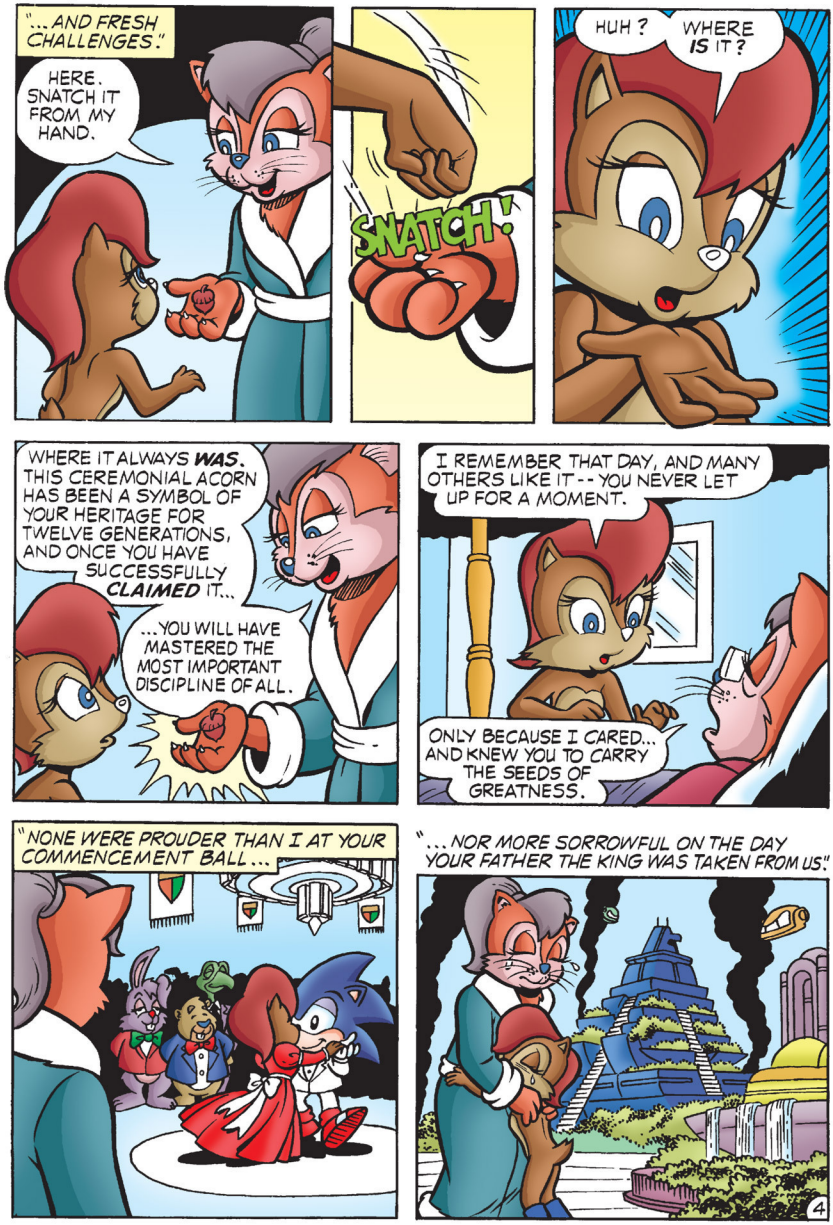
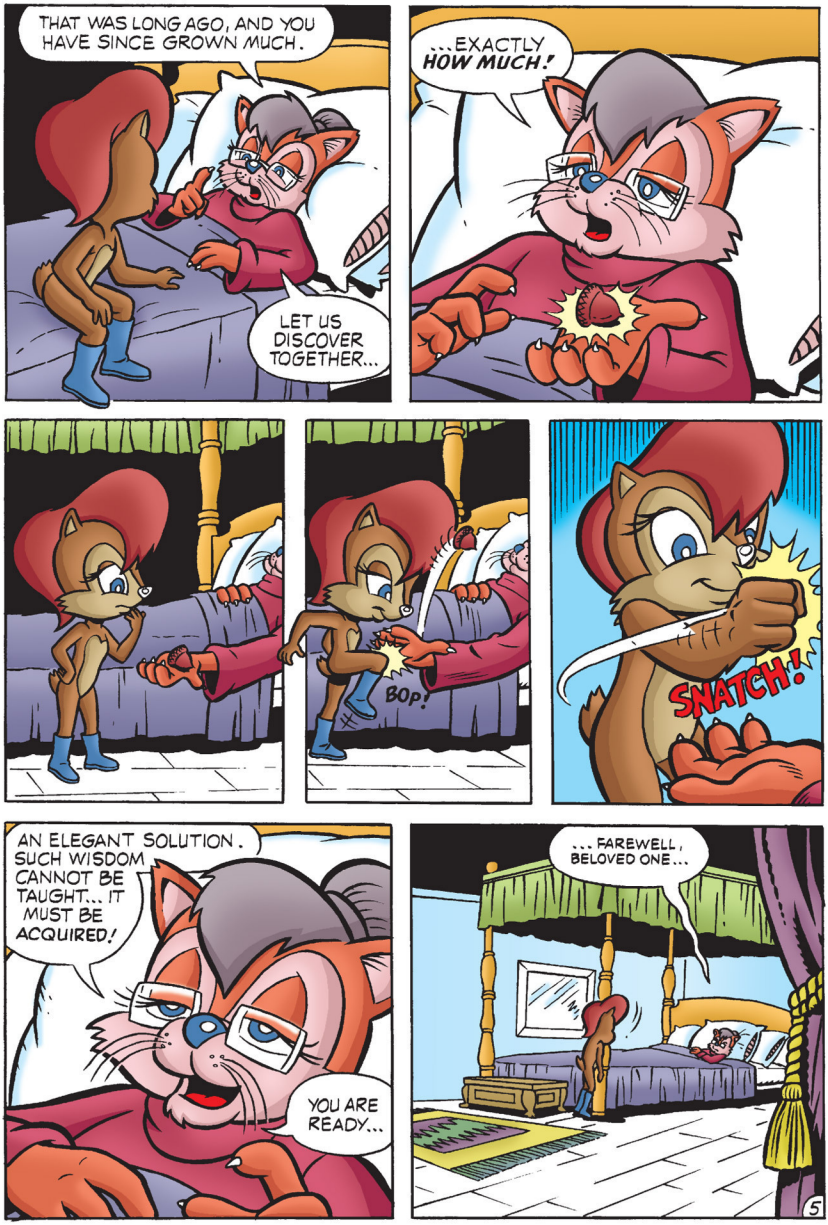
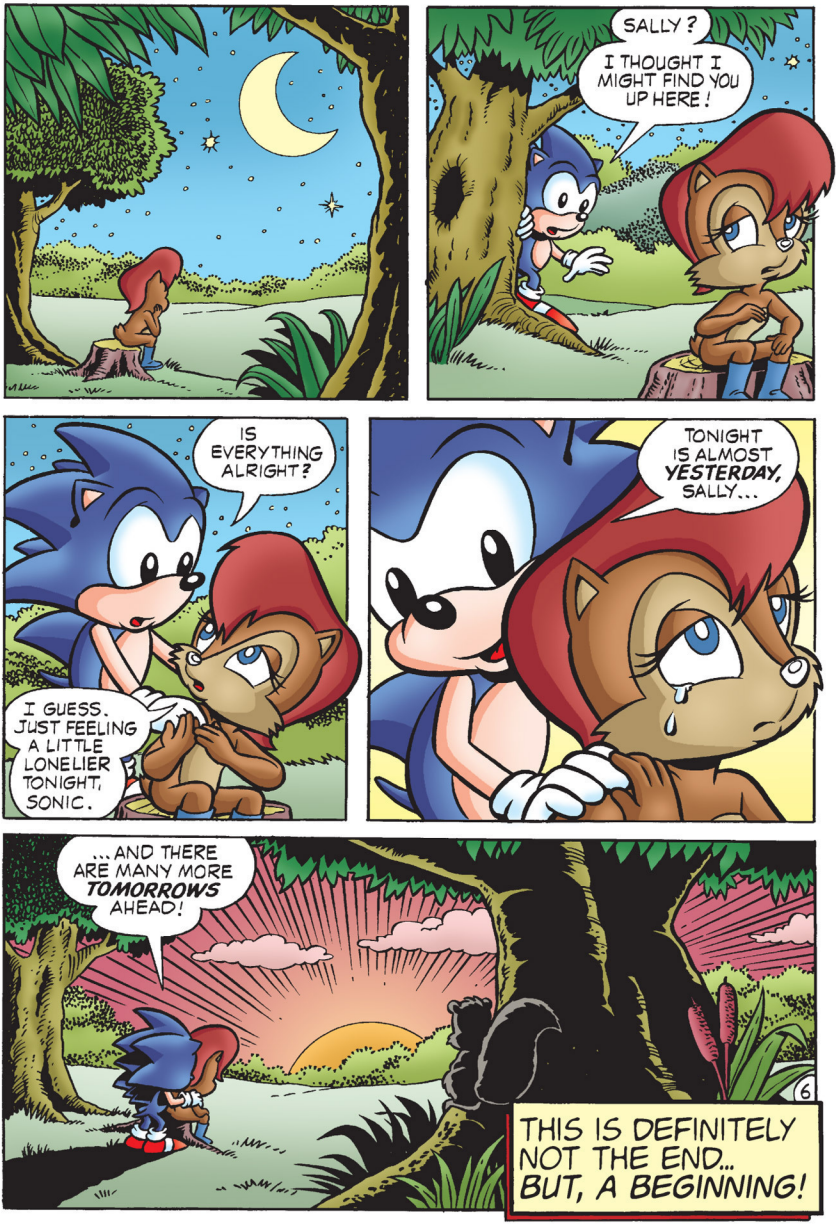
"EACH DAY BROUGHT NEW LESSONS..."


"...AND FRESH CHALLENGES."
HERE. SNATCH IT FROM MY HAND.
SNATCH!
HUH?
WHERE IS IT?
WHERE IT ALWAYS WAS. THIS CEREMONIAL ACORN HAS BEEN A SYMBOL OF YOUR HERITAGE FOR TWELVE GENERATIONS, AND ONCE YOU HAVE SUCCESSFULLY CLAIMED IT...
...YOU WILL HAVE MASTERED THE MOST IMPORTANT DISCIPLINE OF ALL.
I REMEMBER THAT DAY, AND MANY OTHERS LIKE IT -- YOU NEVER LET UP FOR A MOMENT.
ONLY BECAUSE I CARED... AND KNEW YOU TO CARRY THE SEEDS OF GREATNESS.
"NONE WERE PROUDER THAN I AT YOUR COMMENCEMENT BALL...
"...NOR MORE SORROWFUL ON THE DAY YOUR FATHER THE KING WAS TAKEN FROM US."


THAT WAS LONG AGO, AND YOU HAVE SINCE GROWN MUCH.
LET US DISCOVER TOGETHER...
...EXACTLY HOW MUCH!
BOP!
SNATCH!
AN ELEGANT SOLUTION. SUCH WISDOM CANNOT BE TAUGHT... IT MUST BE ACQUIRED!
YOU ARE READY...
...FAREWELL, BELOVED ONE...


SALLY?
I THOUGHT I MIGHT FIND YOU UP HERE!
IS EVERYTHING ALRIGHT?
I GUESS. JUST FEELING A LITTLE LONELIER TONIGHT, SONIC.
TONIGHT IS ALMOST YESTERDAY, SALLY...
...AND THERE ARE MANY MORE TOMORROWS AHEAD!
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THIS IS DEFINITELY NOT THE END... BUT, A BEGINNING!

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I'M SONIC!
NO, I'M SONIC!
FOR THE FIRST TIME, I'M BESIDE MYSELF!
SONIC
NO! ME!
MANK & DAG
IN THIS ISSUE: MORE HEDGEHOGS THAN INHUMANELY POSSIBLE! DON'T MISS...
"NIGHT OF 1000 SONICS!"

WHA-WHAT IS THAT THING,
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™?
NIGHT OF 1,000 SONICS!
PART I
I'M NOT QUITE SURE, PRINCESS... BUT IT LOOKS AWFULLY FAMILIAR.
ZZZUUUMMMMM...
MY GUESS WOULD BE THAT IT'S SOME SORT OF DOORWAY TO ANOTHER DIMENSION OF LIFE!
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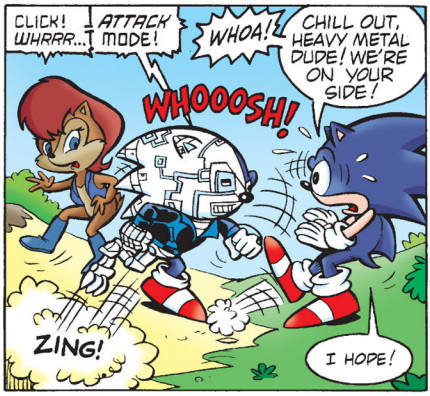
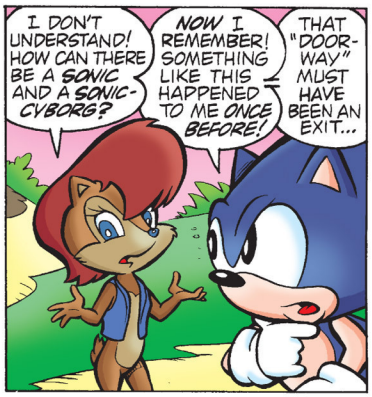
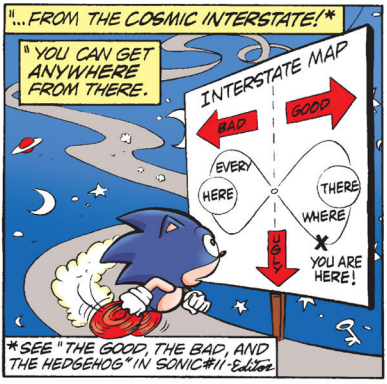
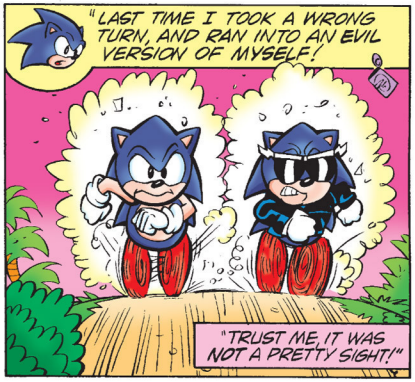
WOW! SOMETHING'S COMING THROUGH!
GET DOWN!
FRA-ZZZAAAT!
PLOP!
S-S-SONIC? HE'S... YOU!
ONLY...HE'S A CYBORG!
CLICK! WHRRR...
PROCESSING.

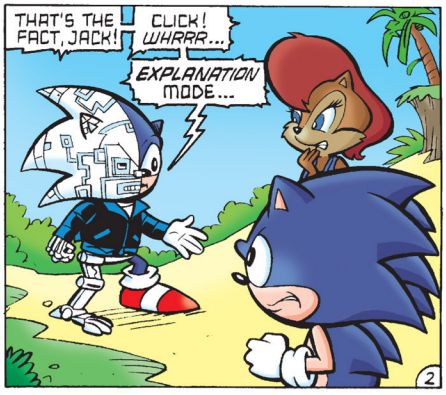

CLICK! WHRRR...
ATTACK MODE!
WHOA!
CHILL OUT, HEAVY METAL DUDE! WE'RE ON YOUR SIDE!
WHOOOSH!
ZING!
I HOPE!


I DON'T UNDERSTAND! HOW CAN THERE BE A SONIC AND A SONIC-CYBORG?
NOW I REMEMBER! SOMETHING LIKE THIS HAPPENED TO ME ONCE BEFORE!
THAT "DOOR-WAY" MUST HAVE BEEN AN EXIT...


"...FROM THE COSMIC INTERSTATE!*
"YOU CAN GET ANYWHERE FROM THERE.
INTERSTATE MAP
BAD
GOOD
EVERY HERE
THERE WHERE
YOU ARE HERE!
*SEE "THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE HEDGEHOG" IN SONIC #11 - Editor


"LAST TIME I TOOK A WRONG TURN, AND RAN INTO AN EVIL VERSION OF MYSELF!
"TRUST ME, IT WAS NOT A PRETTY SIGHT!"

IN THEORY, THERE ARE HUNDREDS--THOUSANDS--MAYBE EVEN KAZILLIONS--OF OTHER, SIMILAR UNIVERSES...
...AND JUST AS MANY DIFFERENT VERSIONS OF ME!


THAT'S THE FACT, JACK!
CLICK! WHRRR...
EXPLANATION MODE...
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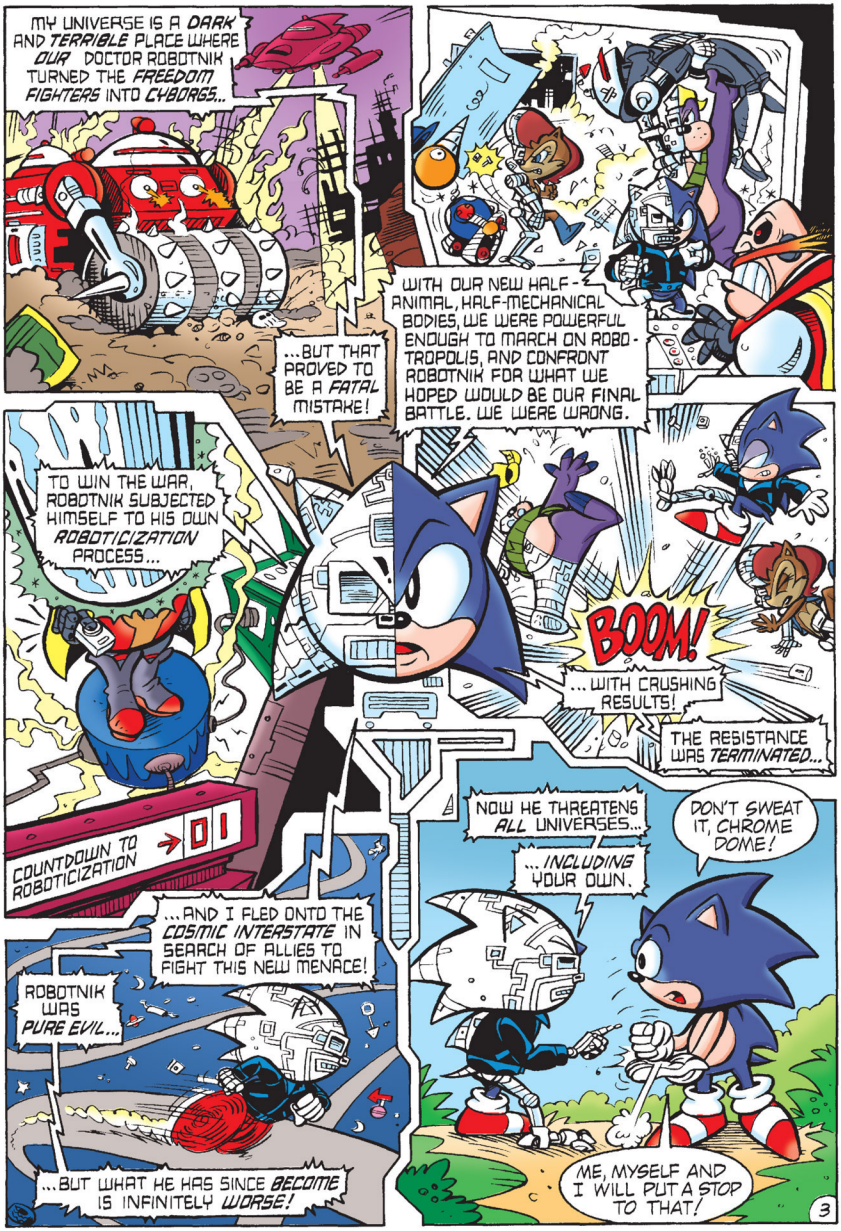
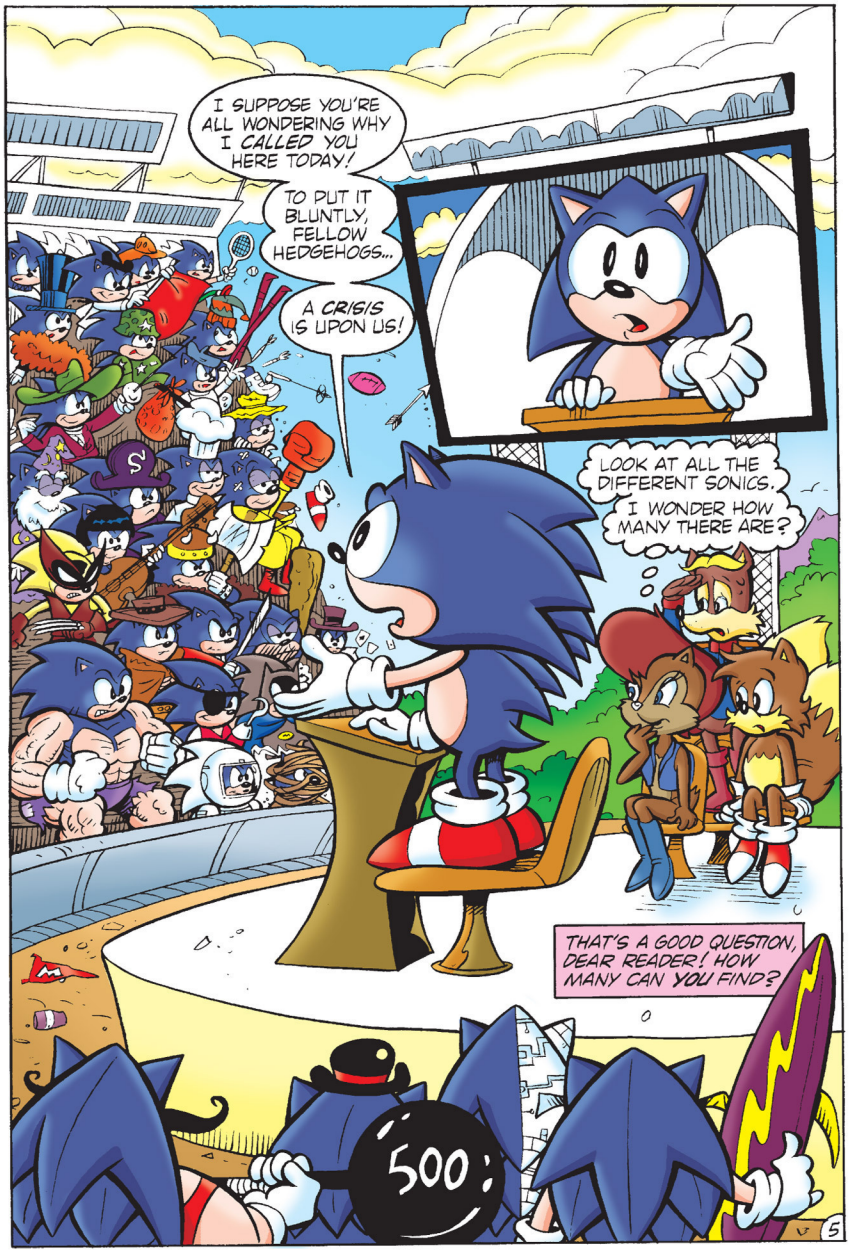

MY UNIVERSE IS A DARK AND TERRIBLE PLACE WHERE OUR DOCTOR ROBOTNIK TURNED THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS INTO CYBORGS...
...BUT THAT PROVED TO BE A FATAL MISTAKE!
WITH OUR NEW HALF-ANIMAL, HALF-MECHANICAL BODIES, WE WERE POWERFUL ENOUGH TO MARCH ON ROBOTROPOLIS, AND CONFRONT ROBOTNIK FOR WHAT WE HOPED WOULD BE OUR FINAL BATTLE. WE WERE WRONG.
TO WIN THE WAR, ROBOTNIK SUBJECTED HIMSELF TO HIS OWN ROBOTICIZATION PROCESS...
COUNTDOWN TO ROBOTICIZATION
BOOM!
...WITH CRUSHING RESULTS!
THE RESISTANCE WAS TERMINATED...
...AND I FLED ONTO THE COSMIC INTERSTATE IN SEARCH OF ALLIES TO FIGHT THIS NEW MENACE!
ROBOTNIK WAS PURE EVIL...
...BUT WHAT HE HAS SINCE BECOME IS INFINITELY WORSE!
NOW HE THREATENS ALL UNIVERSES...
...INCLUDING YOUR OWN.
DON'T SWEAT IT, CHROME DOME!
ME, MYSELF AND I WILL PUT A STOP TO THAT!

SEVERAL HUNDRED SIDE-TRIPS ACROSS THE COSMIC INTERSTATE LATER...


I SUPPOSE YOU'RE ALL WONDERING WHY I CALLED YOU HERE TODAY!
TO PUT IT BLUNTLY, FELLOW HEDGEHOGS...
A CRISIS IS UPON US!
LOOK AT ALL THE DIFFERENT SONICS. I WONDER HOW MANY THERE ARE?
THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION, DEAR READER! HOW MANY CAN YOU FIND?
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ONE OF ROBOTNIK'S COUNTLESS COUNTERPARTS HAS CONQUERED HIS "UNIVERSE"!
THE QUESTION IS...
...WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?
YOU'LL DO NOTHING, HATED HEDGEHOG!..
ZZZZZUUUMMMMM
HUH?
WHO?
..HEH, HEH... FALL...
ZZZZUUUUUUMMMMMMMM
HAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA
...BEFORE THE FORCES OF ROBO-ROBOTNIK!!!
END OF PART I
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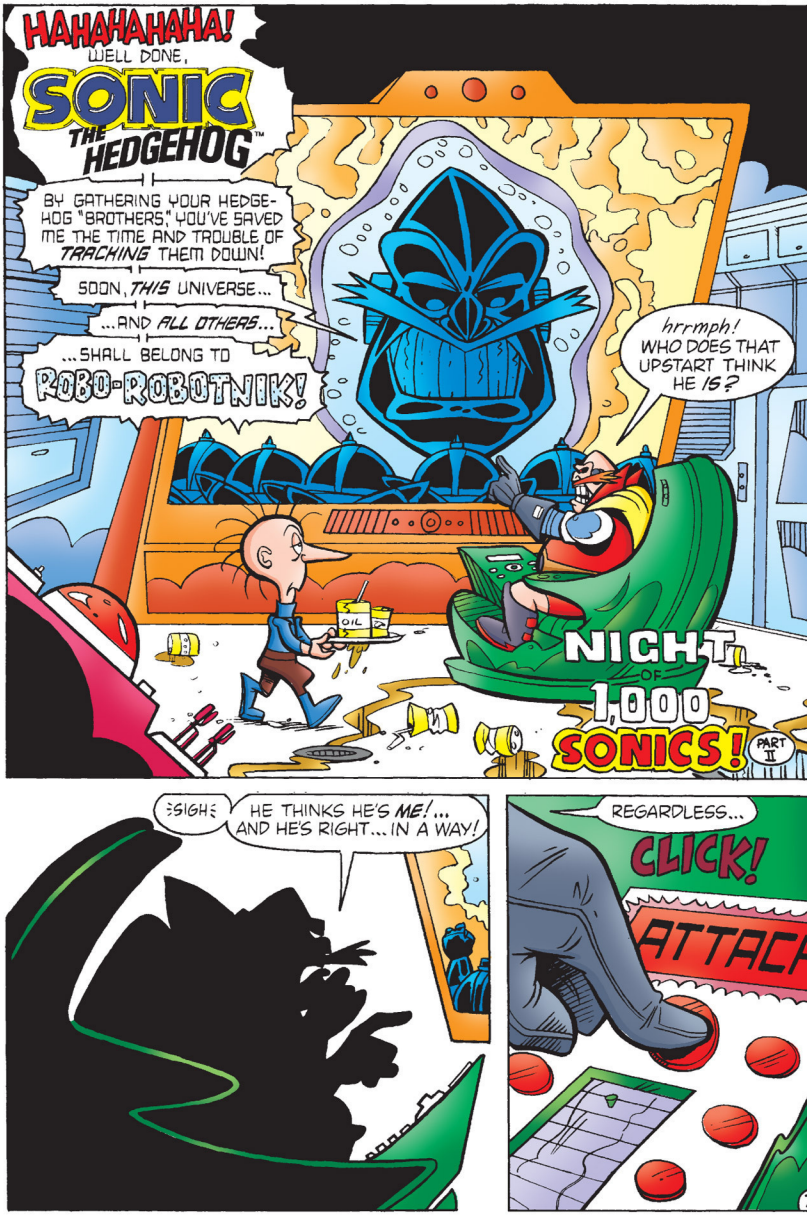
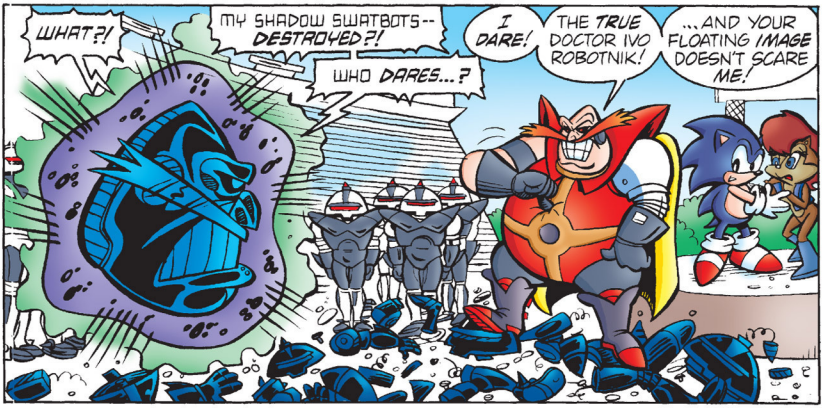
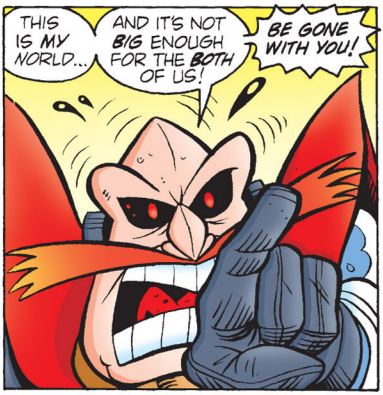
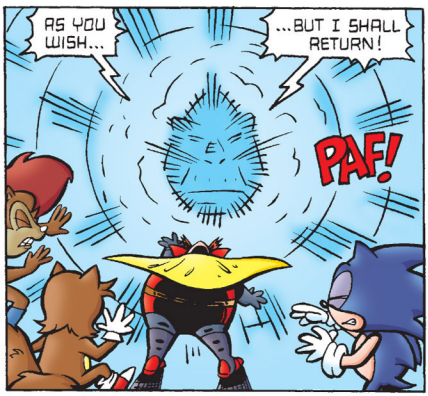
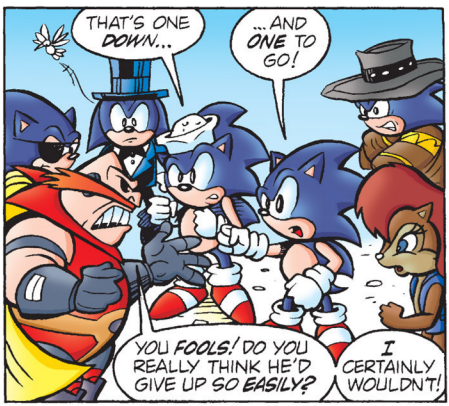

HAHAHAHAHA!
WELL DONE, SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™
BY GATHERING YOUR HEDGEHOG "BROTHERS," YOU'VE SAVED ME THE TIME AND TROUBLE OF TRACKING THEM DOWN!
SOON, THIS UNIVERSE...
...AND ALL OTHERS...
...SHALL BELONG TO ROBO-ROBOTNIK!
hrrmph! WHO DOES THAT UPSTART THINK HE IS?
OIL
NIGHT OF 1,000 SONICS!
PART II
:SIGH:
HE THINKS HE'S ME!... AND HE'S RIGHT... IN A WAY!
REGARDLESS...
CLICK!
ATTACK
7

...IF ANY ROBOTNIK IS DESTINED TO RULE THE KNOWN UNIVERSES...
"...IT WON'T BE ROBO-ROBOTNIK... ...IT'LL BE ME!"
KERRAAAAAAAASH!!!!
BOP!
CLANK!
ZZZT!
BINK
BOK!
HEY, KIDS!
PASTE THIS PAGE ONTO A SHEET OF THIN CARDBOARD, THEN CUT ON THE DOTTED LINES, AND BUILD YOUR OWN SWATBOTS!
DON'T FORGET TO USE YOUR SAFETY SCISSORS!

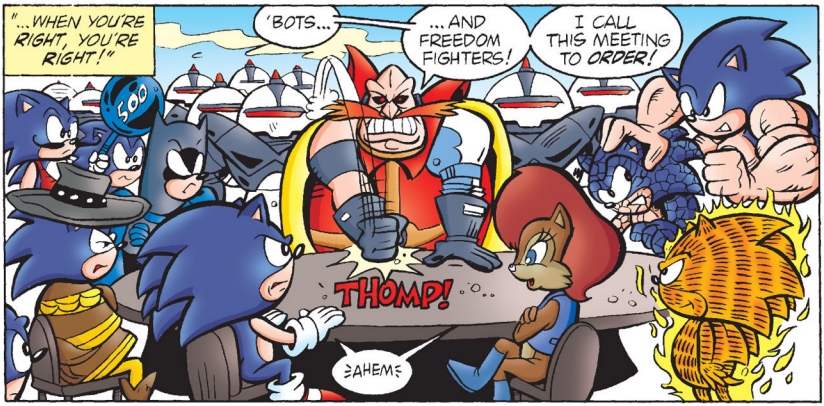

WHAT?!
MY SHADOW SWATBOTS-- DESTROYED?!
WHO DARES...?
I DARE!
THE TRUE DOCTOR IVO ROBOTNIK!
...AND YOUR FLOATING IMAGE DOESN'T SCARE ME!

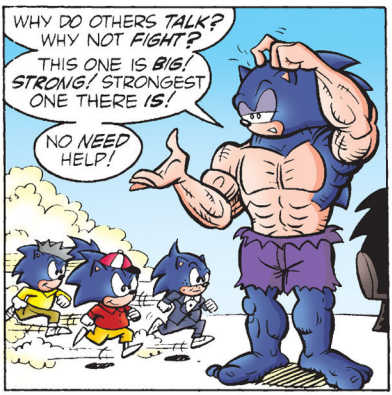

THIS IS MY WORLD...
AND IT'S NOT BIG ENOUGH FOR THE BOTH OF US!
BE GONE WITH YOU!

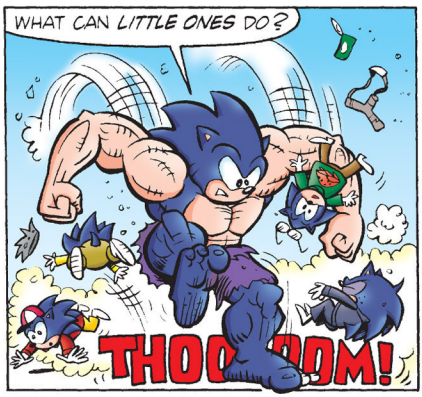

AS YOU WISH...
...BUT I SHALL RETURN!
PAF!

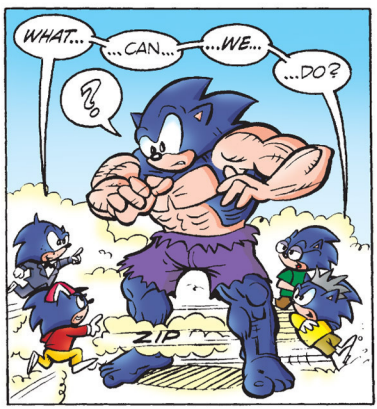

THAT'S ONE DOWN...
...AND ONE TO GO!
YOU FOOLS! DO YOU REALLY THINK HE'D GIVE UP SO EASILY?
I CERTAINLY WOULDN'T!

SINCE THIS NEW MENACE IS A THREAT TO ALL OUR INTERESTS, I PROPOSE WE CEASE OUR PRIVATE BATTLES AND POOL OUR RESOURCES!
THIS STINKS WORSE THAN LAST WEEK'S CHILI-DOGS, DOC! BUT...

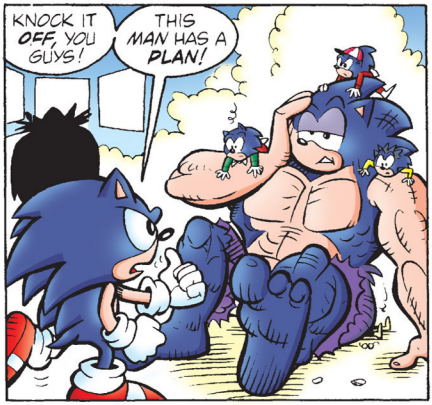

"...WHEN YOU'RE RIGHT, YOU'RE RIGHT!"
'BOTS...
...AND FREEDOM FIGHTERS!
I CALL THIS MEETING TO ORDER!
THOMP!
AHEM


WHY DO OTHERS TALK? WHY NOT FIGHT?
THIS ONE IS BIG! STRONG! STRONGEST ONE THERE IS!
NO NEED HELP!


WHAT CAN LITTLE ONES DO?

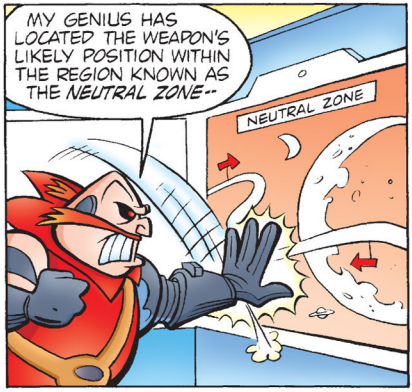

WHAT...
...CAN...
...WE...
...DO?
?
ZIP

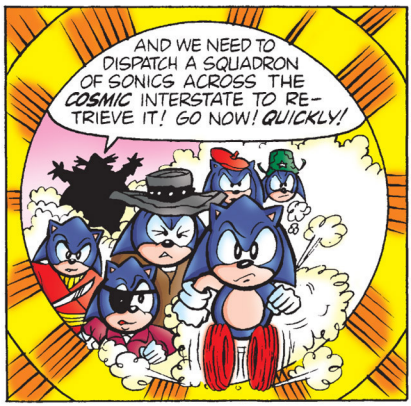
DOES THIS ANSWER...
SHOVE!
SPROING
...YOUR QUESTION?

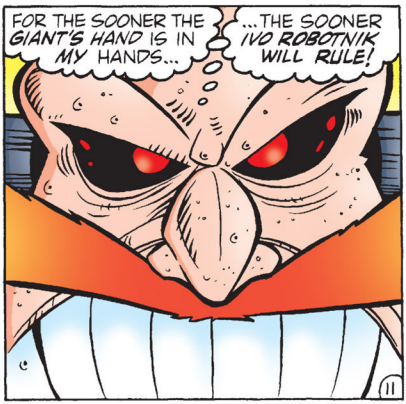

KNOCK IT OFF, YOU GUYS!
THIS MAN HAS A PLAN!

IN ORDER TO SECOND GUESS OUR MUTUAL ADVERSARY, I'VE HAD TO THINK LIKE HIM!
WHICH MEANS HE'S DEFINITELY SEARCHING FOR A WAY TO DESTROY US ALL!

...AND HE COULD ACCOMPLISH HIS GOAL IF HE HAD...THE GIANT'S HAND!-- AN ALIEN WEAPON OF GREAT POWER!


MY GENIUS HAS LOCATED THE WEAPON'S LIKELY POSITION WITHIN THE REGION KNOWN AS THE NEUTRAL ZONE--
NEUTRAL ZONE


AND WE NEED TO DISPATCH A SQUADRON OF SONICS ACROSS THE COSMIC INTERSTATE TO RETRIEVE IT! GO NOW! QUICKLY!


FOR THE SOONER THE GIANT'S HAND IS IN MY HANDS...
...THE SOONER IVO ROBOTNIK WILL RULE!

HOW UNCHARACTERISTICALLY IRONIC.
MY FLESHY OTHER SELF HAS ALLIED HIMSELF WITH A LEGION OF SONICS. FORTUNATELY...
CLICK!
ZZZZZZZZZUUUUUM MMMMMMMMMM
"I'VE SAVED THE WORST FOR LAST!"
HEY!
WHAT'S SHAKIN'?!
WHERE AM I?
WHERE YOUR EVIL CAN BE PUT TO GOOD USE, MY FRIEND.
LISTEN WELL...AND I SHALL TELL YOU ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW...
HAHAHAHA!!!
END PART II
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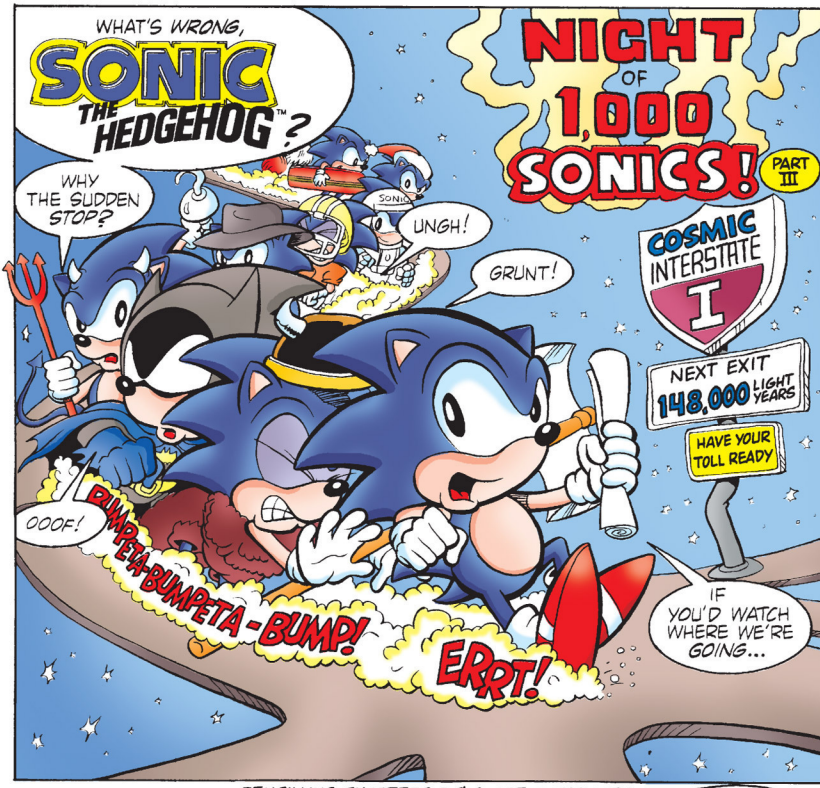

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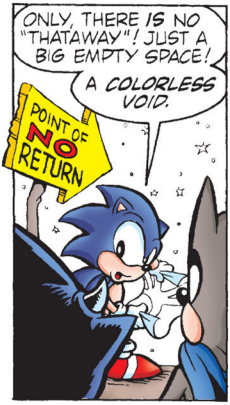
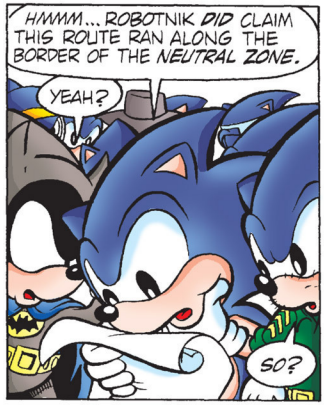
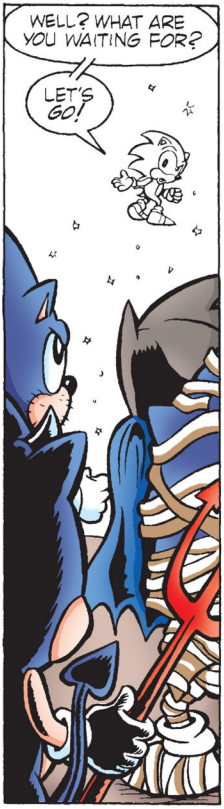
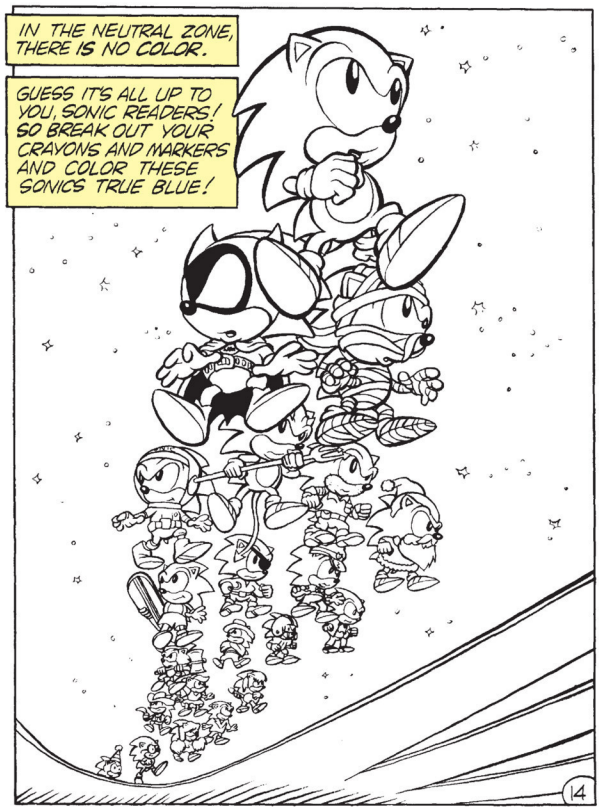
...YOU'D SEE FOR YOURSELVES!
NOW WHAT? DO WE BEAT FEET THIS WAY...
HUH?
...OR THATAWAY?
MAYBE WE SHOULD SPLIT UP.
NAH! THAT TRICK NEVER WORKS.


ONLY, THERE IS NO "THATAWAY"! JUST A BIG EMPTY SPACE!
A COLORLESS VOID.
POINT OF NO RETURN

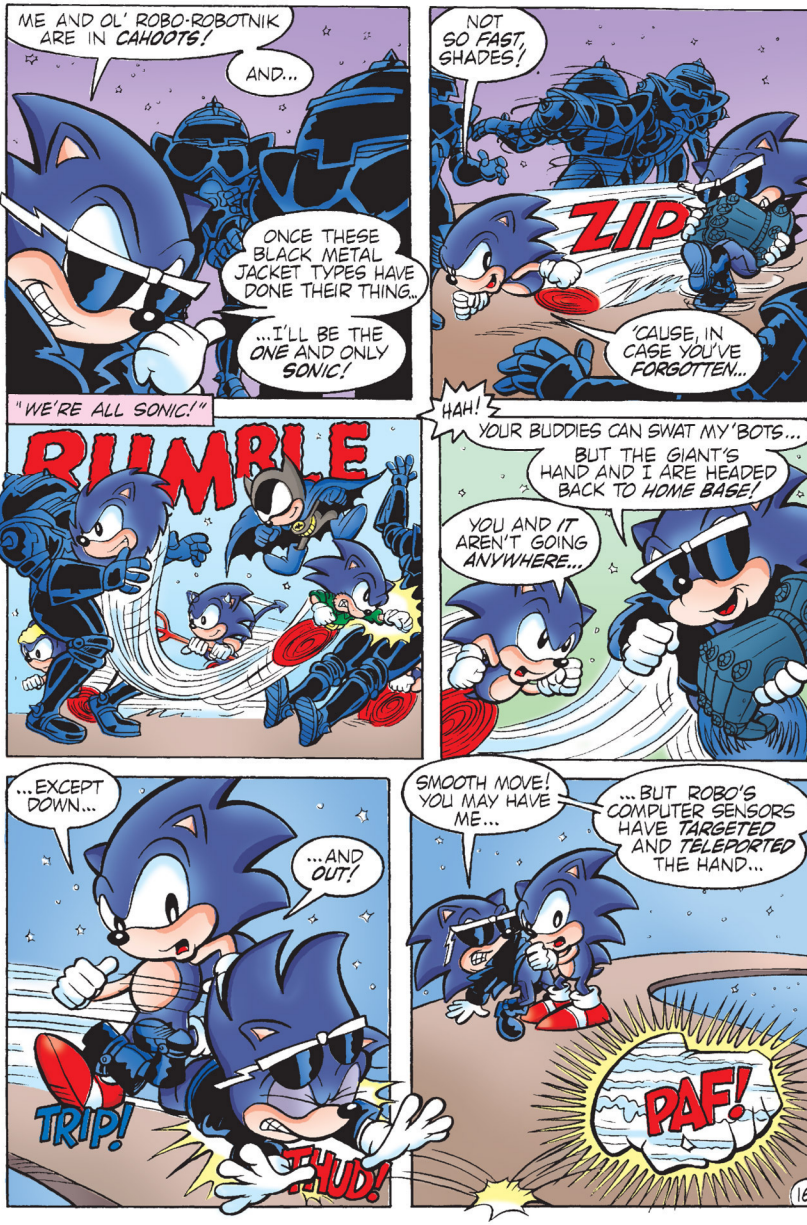

HMMM... ROBOTNIK DID CLAIM THIS ROUTE RAN ALONG THE BORDER OF THE NEUTRAL ZONE.
YEAH?
SO?

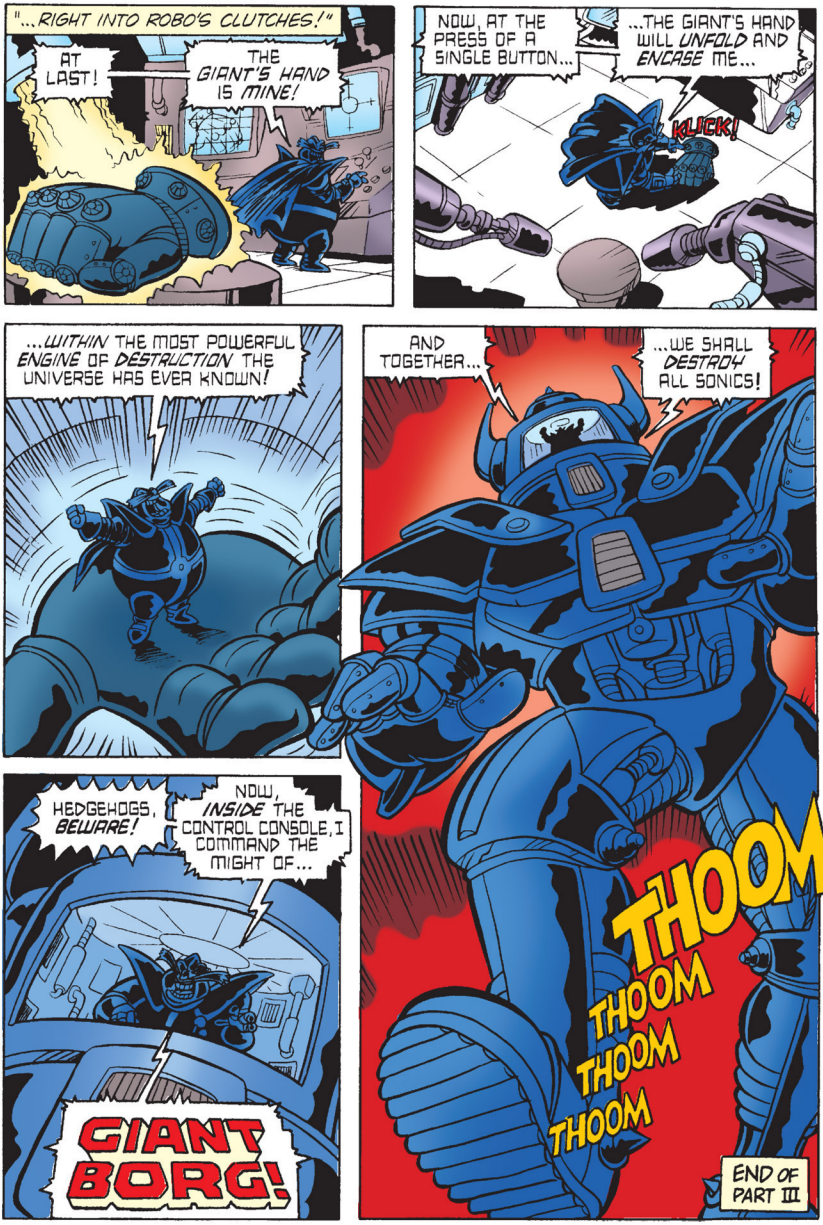
SO SOMETIMES YOU'VE JUST GOTTA TAKE...
...A LEAP OF FAITH.

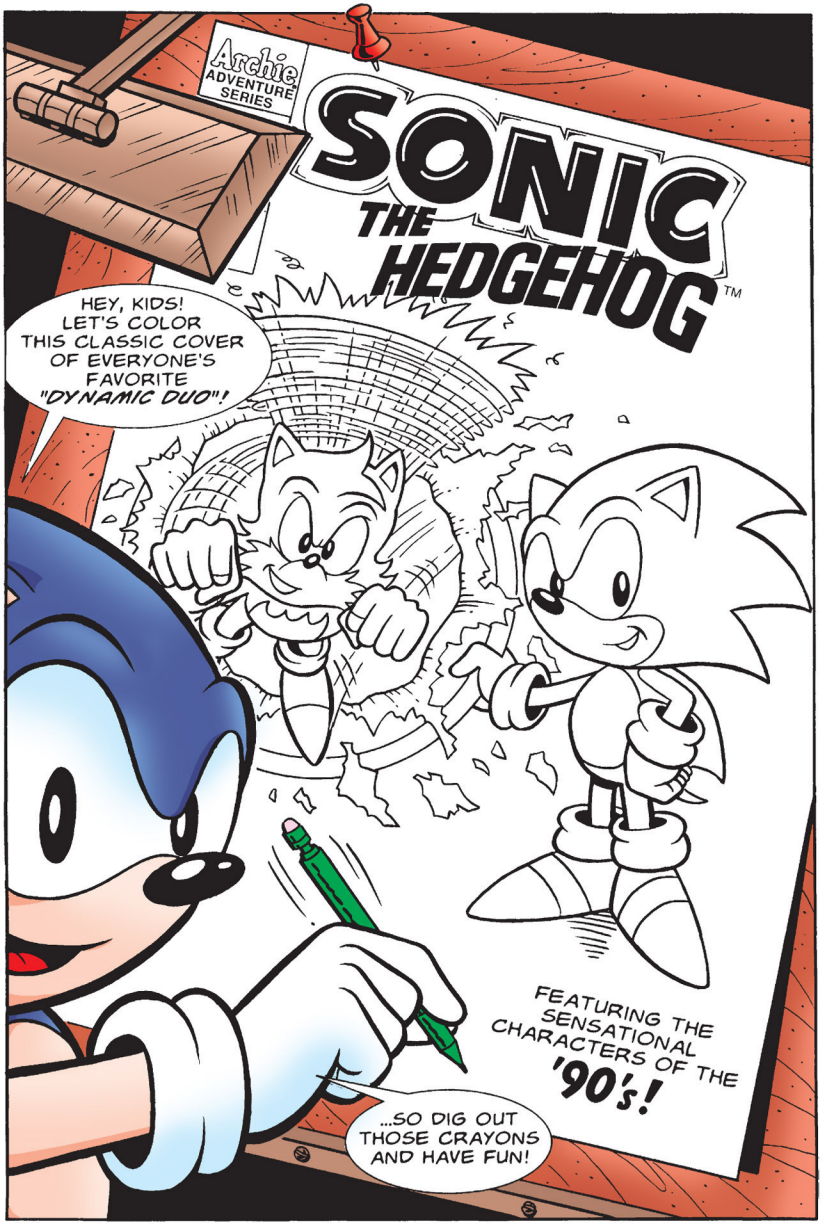

WELL? WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?
LET'S GO!


IN THE NEUTRAL ZONE, THERE IS NO COLOR.
GUESS IT'S ALL UP TO YOU, SONIC READERS! SO BREAK OUT YOUR CRAYONS AND MARKERS AND COLOR THESE SONICS TRUE BLUE!

THERE IT IS!
THE GIANT'S HAND!
I WONDER IF A REAL GIANT ONCE WORE IT?
I WONDER WHAT IT DOES?
YOU'LL FIND OUT SOON ENOUGH, BLUE BOY...
...THE HARD WAY!
POW
INCOMING!
HEY!
WHO?
ZZORCH!
ZZORCH!
GULP! IT'S OUR EVIL TWIN...
... AND AN ARMY OF ROBO-ROBOTNIK'S SHADOW SWATBOTS!
SCREECH!
CORRECT-O-MUNDO, GOODIE TWO-SHOES!
"NICE" TO SEE YOU AGAIN...
NOT!


ME AND OL' ROBO-ROBOTNIK ARE IN CAHOOTS!
AND...
ONCE THESE BLACK METAL JACKET TYPES HAVE DONE THEIR THING...
...I'LL BE THE ONE AND ONLY SONIC!
NOT SO FAST, SHADES!
ZIP
'CAUSE, IN CASE YOU'VE FORGOTTEN...
"WE'RE ALL SONIC!"
RUMBLE
HAH!
YOUR BUDDIES CAN SWAT MY 'BOTS...
BUT THE GIANT'S HAND AND I ARE HEADED BACK TO HOME BASE!
YOU AND IT AREN'T GOING ANYWHERE...
...EXCEPT DOWN...
...AND OUT!
TRIP!
THUD!
SMOOTH MOVE! YOU MAY HAVE ME...
...BUT ROBO'S COMPUTER SENSORS HAVE TARGETED AND TELEPORTED THE HAND...
PAF!


"...RIGHT INTO ROBO'S CLUTCHES!"
AT LAST!
THE GIANT'S HAND IS MINE!
NOW, AT THE PRESS OF A SINGLE BUTTON...
...THE GIANT'S HAND WILL UNFOLD AND ENCASE ME...
KLICK!
...WITHIN THE MOST POWERFUL ENGINE OF DESTRUCTION THE UNIVERSE HAS EVER KNOWN!
AND TOGETHER...
...WE SHALL DESTROY ALL SONICS!
HEDGEHOGS, BEWARE!
NOW, INSIDE THE CONTROL CONSOLE, I COMMAND THE MIGHT OF...
GIANT BORG!
THOOM
THOOM
THOOM
THOOM
END OF PART III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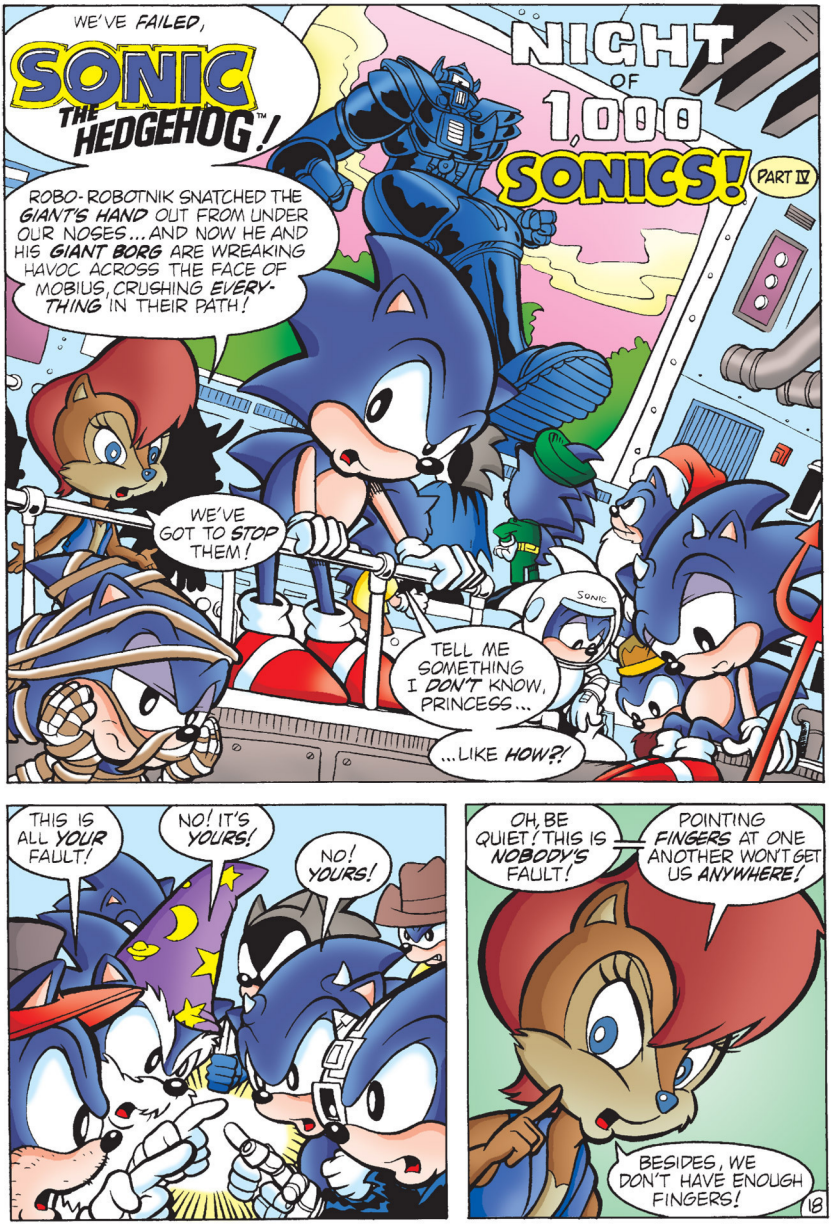
...SO DIG OUT THOSE CRAYONS AND HAVE FUN!


WE'VE FAILED,
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™!
NIGHT OF 1,000 SONICS!
PART IV
ROBO-ROBOTNIK SNATCHED THE GIANT'S HAND OUT FROM UNDER OUR NOSES... AND NOW HE AND HIS GIANT BORG ARE WREAKING HAVOC ACROSS THE FACE OF MOBIUS, CRUSHING EVERYTHING IN THEIR PATH!
WE'VE GOT TO STOP THEM!
SONIC
TELL ME SOMETHING I DON'T KNOW, PRINCESS...
...LIKE HOW?!
THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT!
NO! IT'S YOURS!
NO! YOURS!
OH, BE QUIET! THIS IS NOBODY'S FAULT!
POINTING FINGERS AT ONE ANOTHER WON'T GET US ANYWHERE!
BESIDES, WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH FINGERS!
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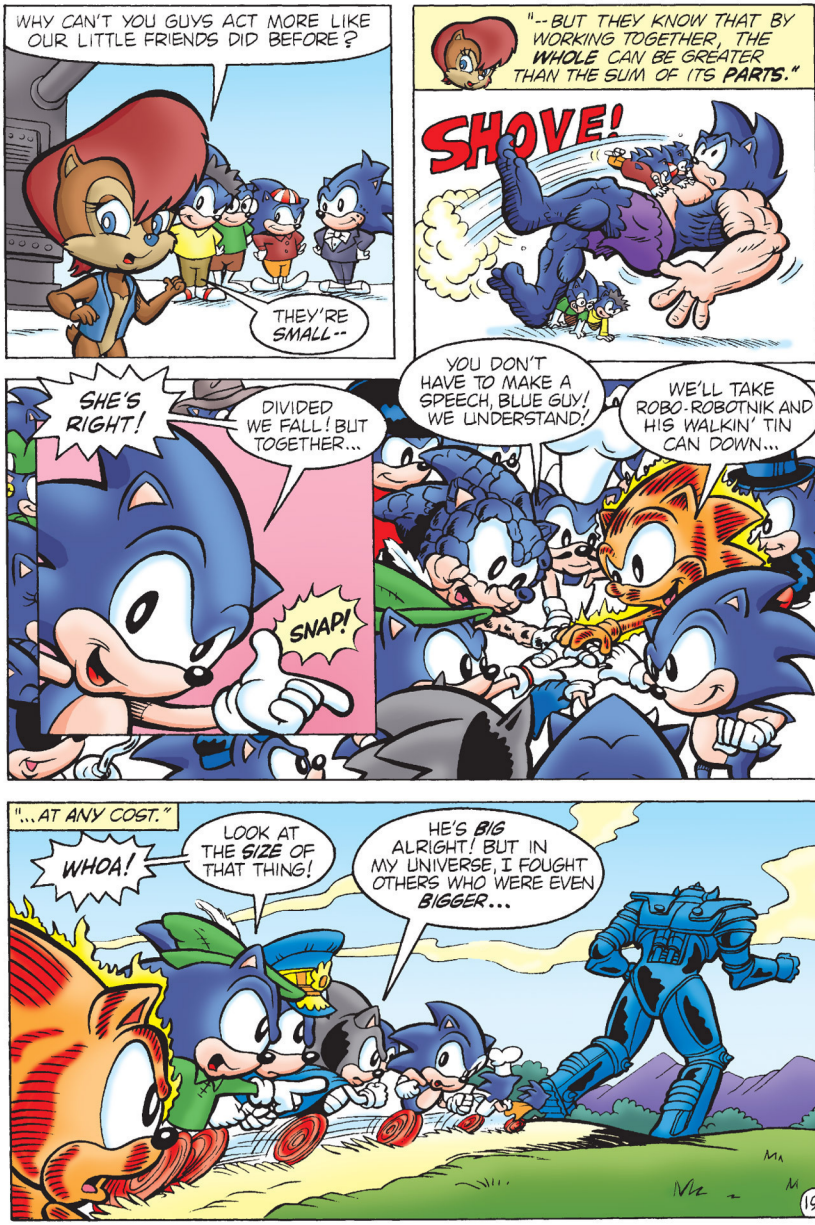
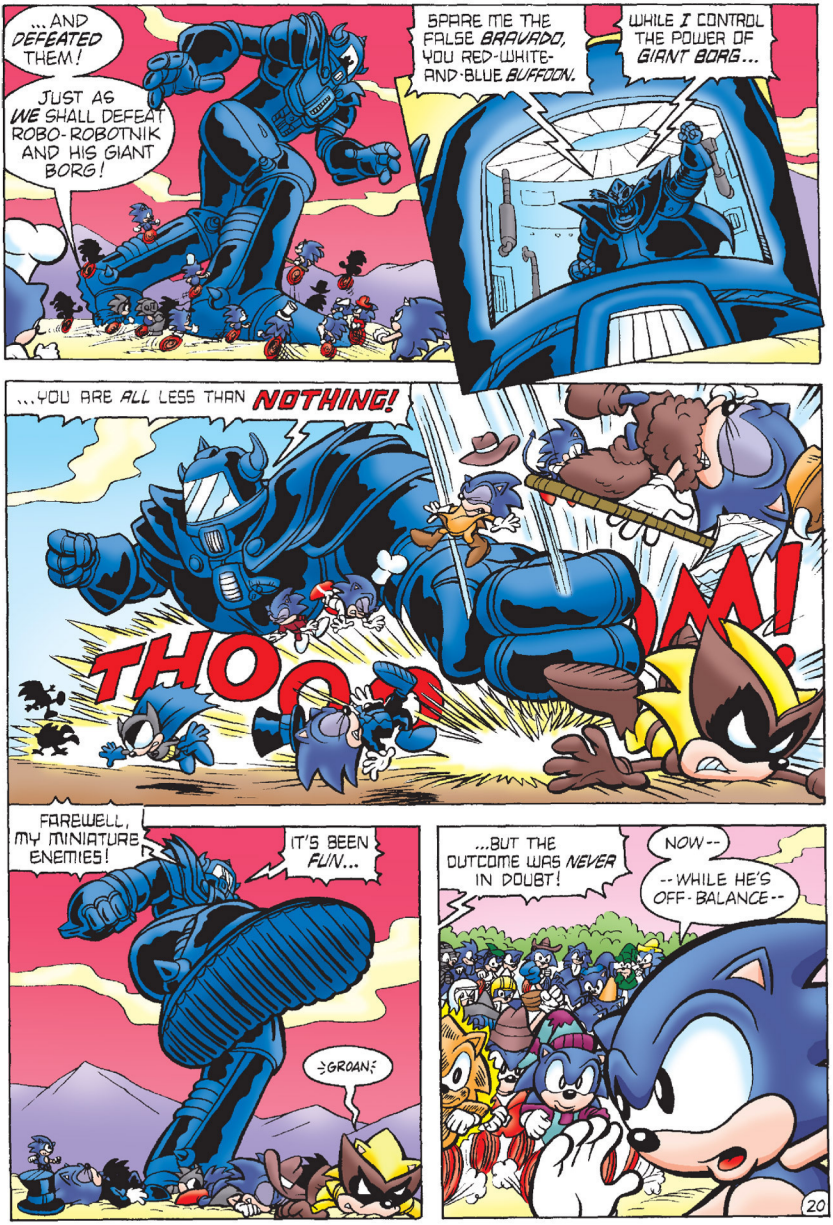
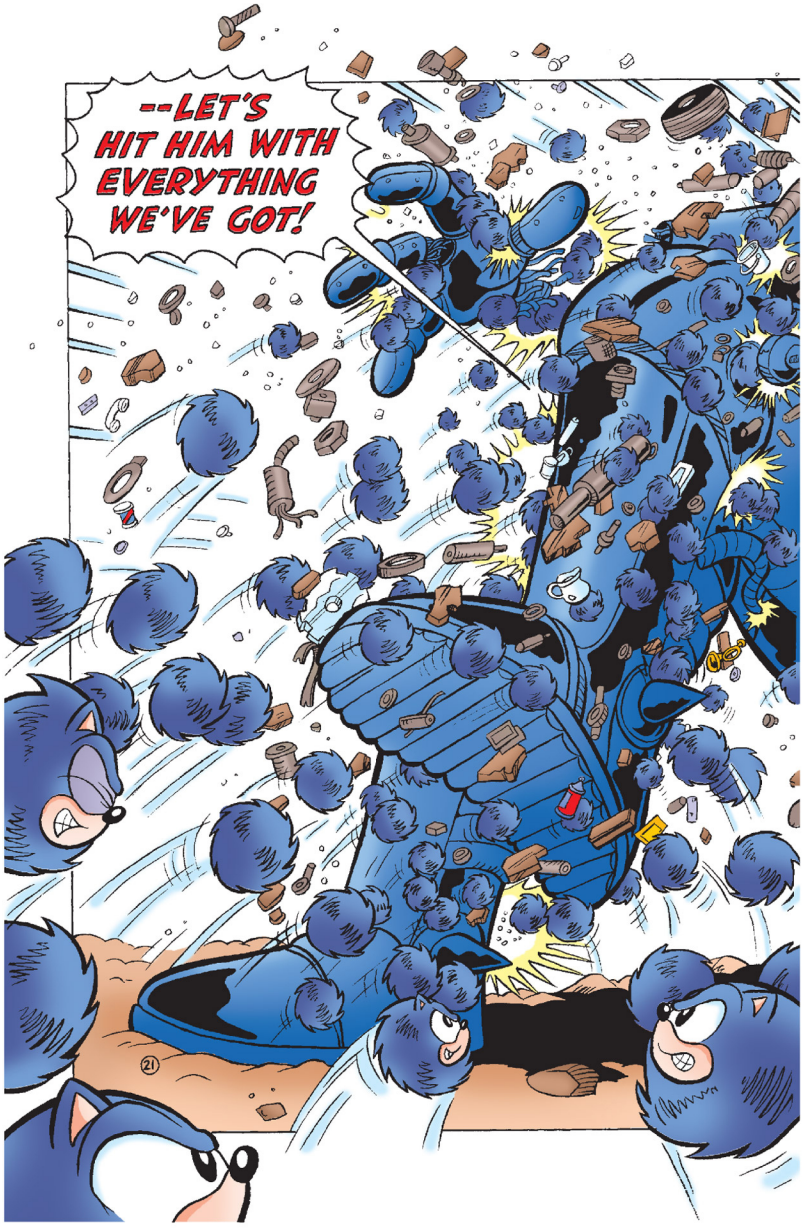

WHY CAN'T YOU GUYS ACT MORE LIKE OUR LITTLE FRIENDS DID BEFORE?
THEY'RE SMALL--
"--BUT THEY KNOW THAT BY WORKING TOGETHER, THE WHOLE CAN BE GREATER THAN THE SUM OF ITS PARTS."
SHOVE!
SHE'S RIGHT!
DIVIDED WE FALL! BUT TOGETHER...
SNAP!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO MAKE A SPEECH, BLUE GUY! WE UNDERSTAND!
WE'LL TAKE ROBO-ROBOTNIK AND HIS WALKIN' TIN CAN DOWN...
"...AT ANY COST."
WHOA!
LOOK AT THE SIZE OF THAT THING!
HE'S BIG ALRIGHT! BUT IN MY UNIVERSE, I FOUGHT OTHERS WHO WERE EVEN BIGGER...


...AND DEFEATED THEM!
JUST AS WE SHALL DEFEAT ROBO-ROBOTNIK AND HIS GIANT BORG!
SPARE ME THE FALSE BRAVADO, YOU RED-WHITE-AND-BLUE BUFFOON.
WHILE I CONTROL THE POWER OF GIANT BORG...
...YOU ARE ALL LESS THAN NOTHING!
THOO
M!
FAREWELL, MY MINIATURE ENEMIES!
IT'S BEEN FUN...
:GROAN:
...BUT THE OUTCOME WAS NEVER IN DOUBT!
NOW--
--WHILE HE'S OFF-BALANCE--


--LET'S HIT HIM WITH EVERYTHING WE'VE GOT!
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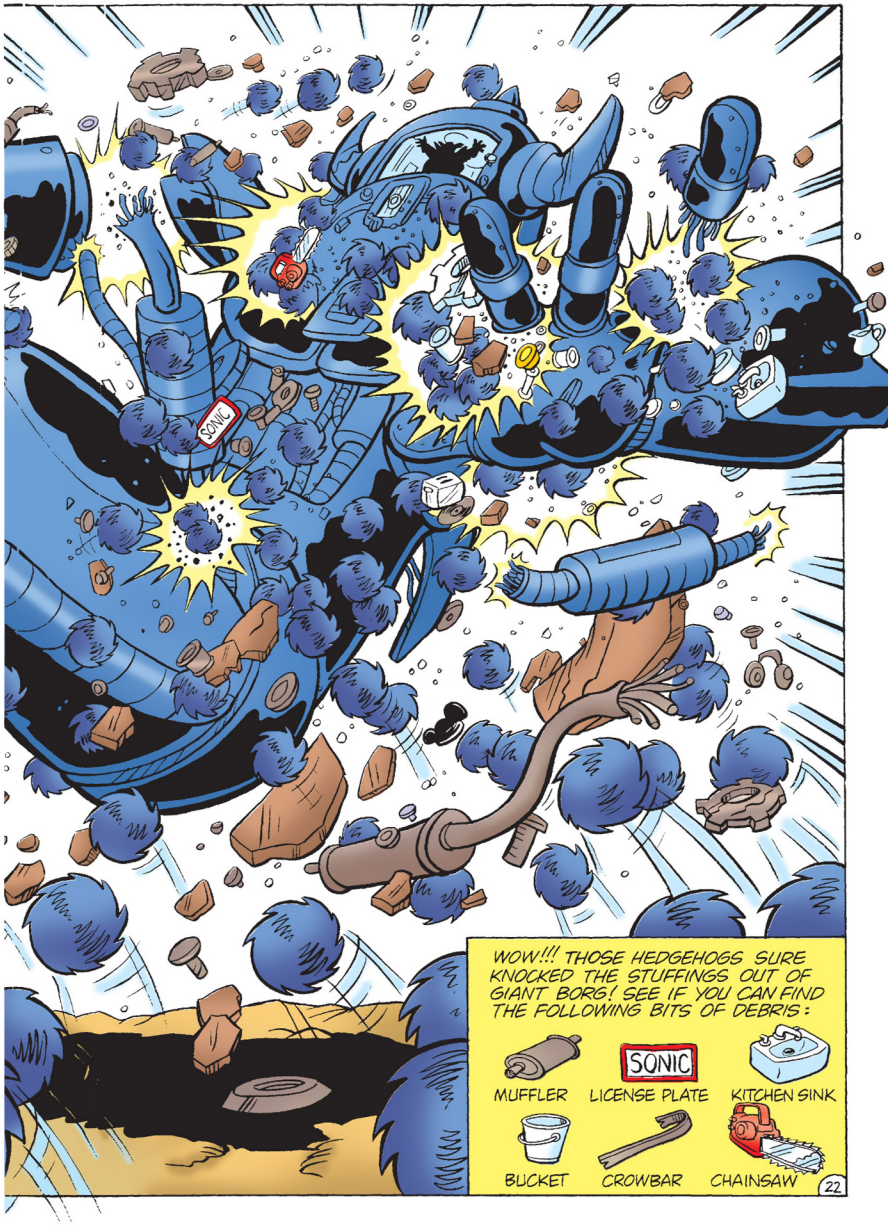
SONIC
WOW!!! THOSE HEDGEHOGS SURE KNOCKED THE STUFFINGS OUT OF GIANT BORG! SEE IF YOU CAN FIND THE FOLLOWING BITS OF DEBRIS:
MUFFLER
LICENSE PLATE
KITCHEN SINK
BUCKET
CROWBAR
CHAINSAW
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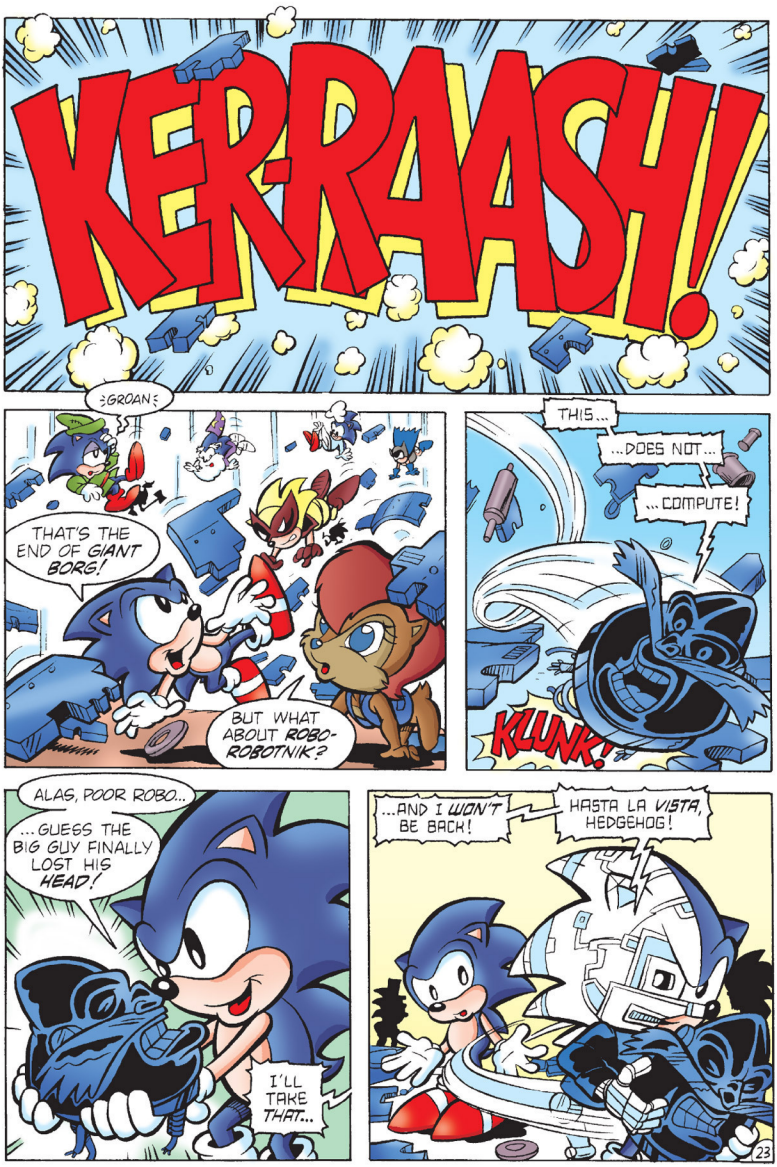
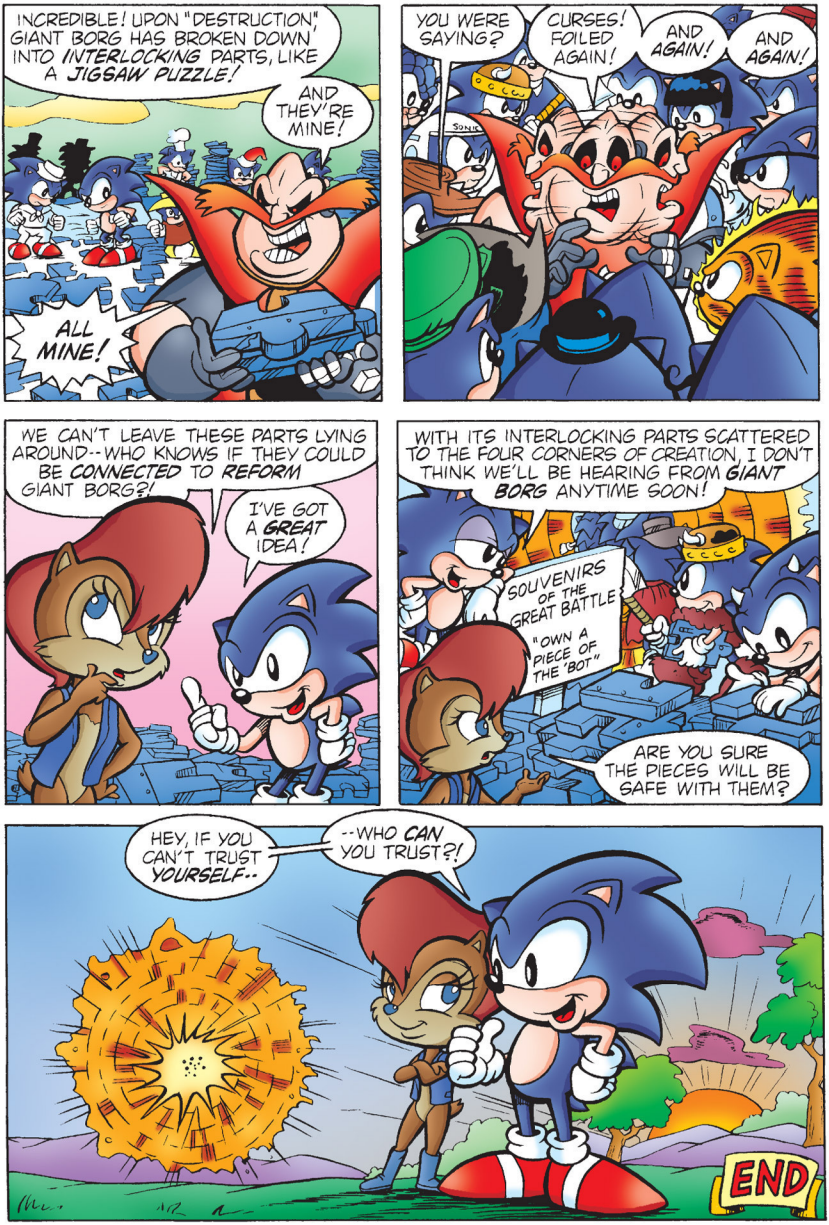

KER-RAASH!
:GROAN:
THAT'S THE END OF GIANT BORG!
BUT WHAT ABOUT ROBO-ROBOTNIK?
THIS...
...DOES NOT...
...COMPUTE!
KLUNK!
ALAS, POOR ROBO...
...GUESS THE BIG GUY FINALLY LOST HIS HEAD!
I'LL TAKE THAT...
...AND I WON'T BE BACK!
HASTA LA VISTA, HEDGEHOG!


INCREDIBLE! UPON "DESTRUCTION," GIANT BORG HAS BROKEN DOWN INTO INTERLOCKING PARTS, LIKE A JIGSAW PUZZLE!
AND THEY'RE MINE!
ALL MINE!
YOU WERE SAYING?
CURSES! FOILED AGAIN!
AND AGAIN!
AND AGAIN!
SONIC
WE CAN'T LEAVE THESE PARTS LYING AROUND--WHO KNOWS IF THEY COULD BE CONNECTED TO REFORM GIANT BORG?!
I'VE GOT A GREAT IDEA!
WITH ITS INTERLOCKING PARTS SCATTERED TO THE FOUR CORNERS OF CREATION, I DON'T THINK WE'LL BE HEARING FROM GIANT BORG ANYTIME SOON!
SOUVENIRS OF THE GREAT BATTLE
"OWN A PIECE OF THE 'BOT"
ARE YOU SURE THE PIECES WILL BE SAFE WITH THEM?
HEY, IF YOU CAN'T TRUST YOURSELF--
--WHO CAN YOU TRUST?!
END

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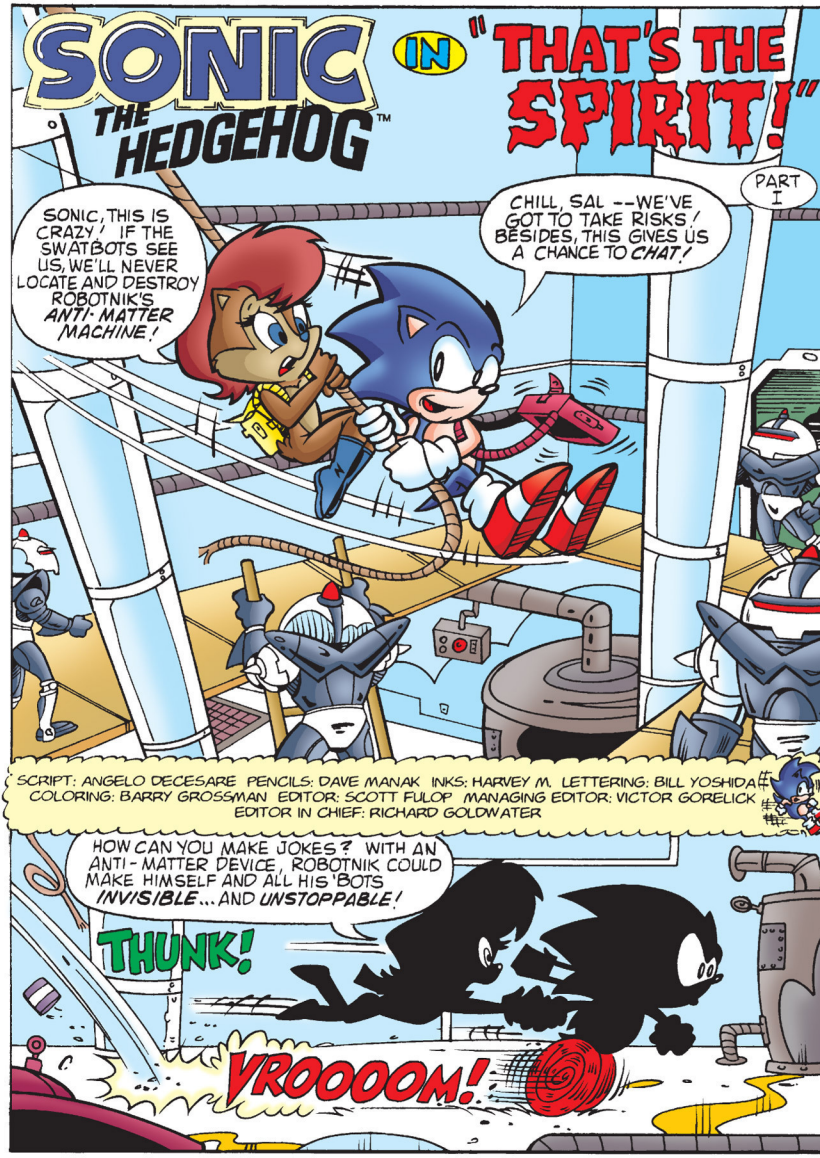
WE DEDICATE THIS STATUE TO SONIC... A TRUE HERO WHO SACRIFICED HIMSELF FOR FREEDOM!

I... I CAN'T BELIEVE HE'S REALLY GONE!

IN MEMORY OF SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

HAS DR. ROBOTNIK FINALLY *BEATEN SONIC?* FIND OUT IN THIS ISSUE'S STORY:
" THAT'S THE SPIRIT! "

MANAK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IN
"THAT'S THE SPIRIT!"
PART I
SONIC, THIS IS CRAZY! IF THE SWATBOTS SEE US, WE'LL NEVER LOCATE AND DESTROY ROBOTNIK'S ANTI-MATTER MACHINE!
CHILL, SAL --WE'VE GOT TO TAKE RISKS! BESIDES, THIS GIVES US A CHANCE TO CHAT!
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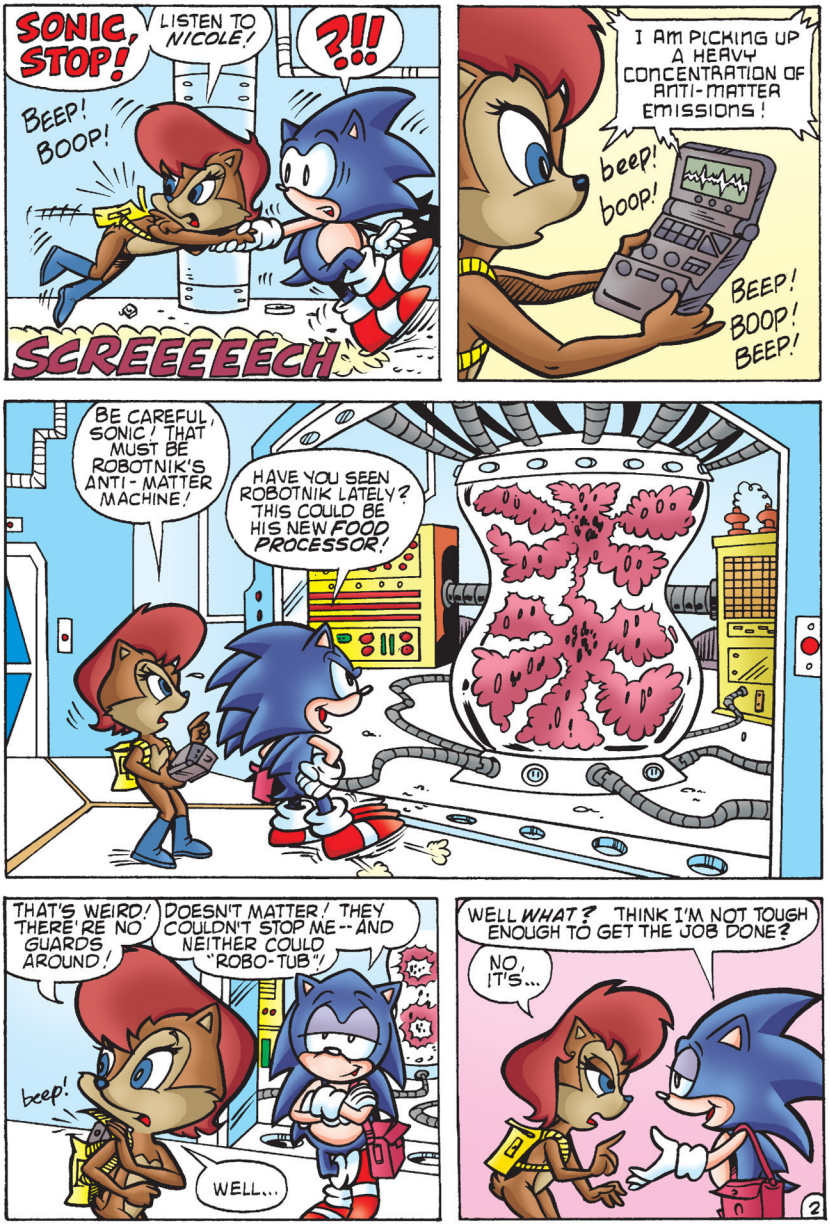
HOW CAN YOU MAKE JOKES? WITH AN ANTI-MATTER DEVICE, ROBOTNIK COULD MAKE HIMSELF AND ALL HIS 'BOTS INVISIBLE... AND UNSTOPPABLE!
THUNK!
VROOOOM!


SONIC, STOP!
LISTEN TO NICOLE!
?!!
BEEP! BOOP!
SCREEEEECH
I AM PICKING UP A HEAVY CONCENTRATION OF ANTI-MATTER EMISSIONS!
beep!
boop!
BEEP! BOOP! BEEP!
BE CAREFUL, SONIC! THAT MUST BE ROBOTNIK'S ANTI-MATTER MACHINE!
HAVE YOU SEEN ROBOTNIK LATELY? THIS COULD BE HIS NEW FOOD PROCESSOR!
THAT'S WEIRD! THERE'RE NO GUARDS AROUND!
DOESN'T MATTER! THEY COULDN'T STOP ME--AND NEITHER COULD "ROBO-TUB"!
beep!
WELL...
WELL WHAT? THINK I'M NOT TOUGH ENOUGH TO GET THE JOB DONE?
NO, IT'S...
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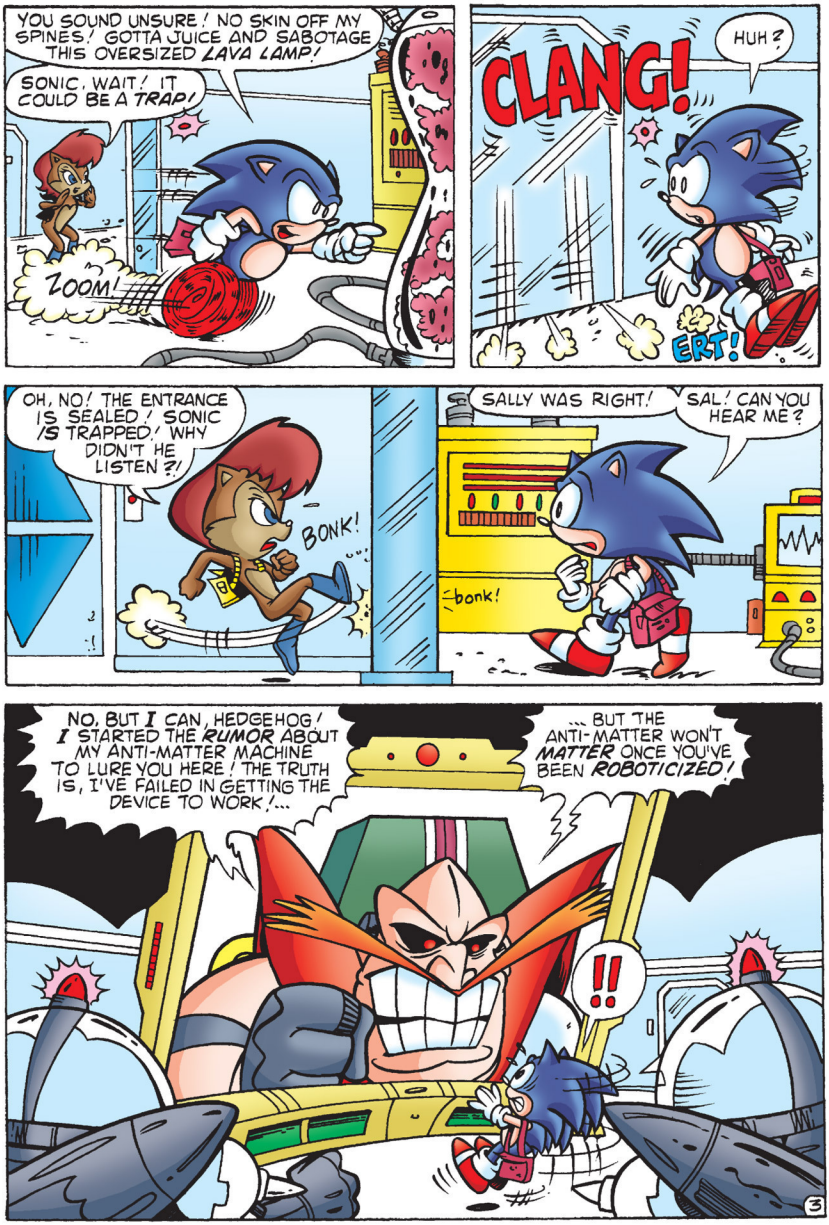
YOU SOUND UNSURE! NO SKIN OFF MY SPINES! GOTTA JUICE AND SABOTAGE THIS OVERSIZED LAVA LAMP!
SONIC, WAIT! IT COULD BE A TRAP!
ZOOM!
CLANG!
HUH?
ERT!
OH, NO! THE ENTRANCE IS SEALED! SONIC IS TRAPPED! WHY DIDN'T HE LISTEN?!
BONK!
SALLY WAS RIGHT!
SAL! CAN YOU HEAR ME?
bonk!
NO, BUT I CAN, HEDGEHOG! I STARTED THE RUMOR ABOUT MY ANTI-MATTER MACHINE TO LURE YOU HERE! THE TRUTH IS, I'VE FAILED IN GETTING THE DEVICE TO WORK!...
... BUT THE ANTI-MATTER WON'T MATTER ONCE YOU'VE BEEN ROBOTICIZED!
!!
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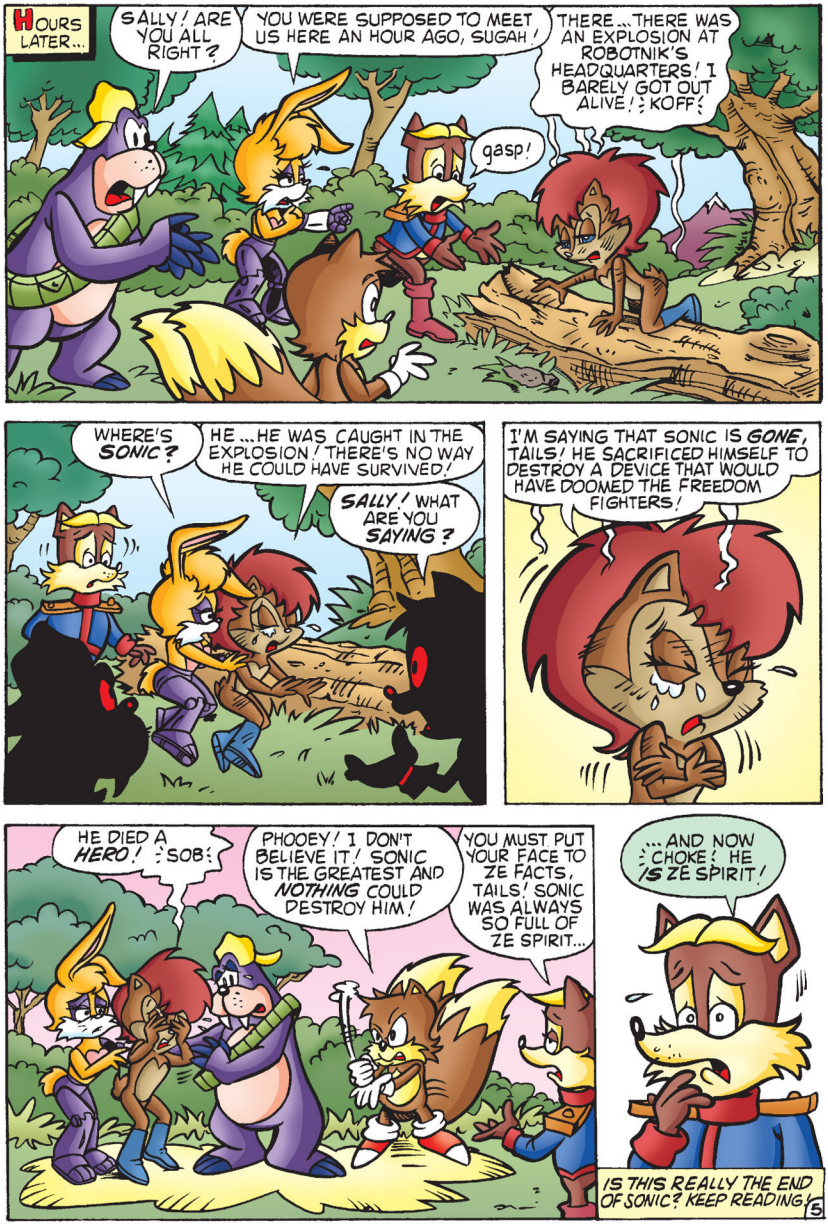
...AND YOUR SPEED WON'T HELP YOU BECAUSE THERE'S NO ESCAPE!
AH-HAHAHAHEHHEH!
THERE'S STILL A CHANCE! I'LL SET ROTOR'S HOMEMADE BOMB TO GO OFF...
...AND CUT THROUGH THAT DOOR WITH A SONIC SPIN BEFORE IT EXPLO...
YIPES!
I TRIPPED!
BA-BOOM!


HOURS LATER...
SALLY! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO MEET US HERE AN HOUR AGO, SUGAH!
THERE...THERE WAS AN EXPLOSION AT ROBOTNIK'S HEADQUARTERS! I BARELY GOT OUT ALIVE! :KOFF:
gasp!
WHERE'S SONIC?
HE...HE WAS CAUGHT IN THE EXPLOSION! THERE'S NO WAY HE COULD HAVE SURVIVED!
SALLY! WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
I'M SAYING THAT SONIC IS GONE, TAILS! HE SACRIFICED HIMSELF TO DESTROY A DEVICE THAT WOULD HAVE DOOMED THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS!
HE DIED A HERO! :SOB:
PHOOEY! I DON'T BELIEVE IT! SONIC IS THE GREATEST AND NOTHING COULD DESTROY HIM!
YOU MUST PUT YOUR FACE TO ZE FACTS, TAILS! SONIC WAS ALWAYS SO FULL OF ZE SPIRIT...
...AND NOW :CHOKE: HE IS ZE SPIRIT!
IS THIS REALLY THE END OF SONIC? KEEP READING!
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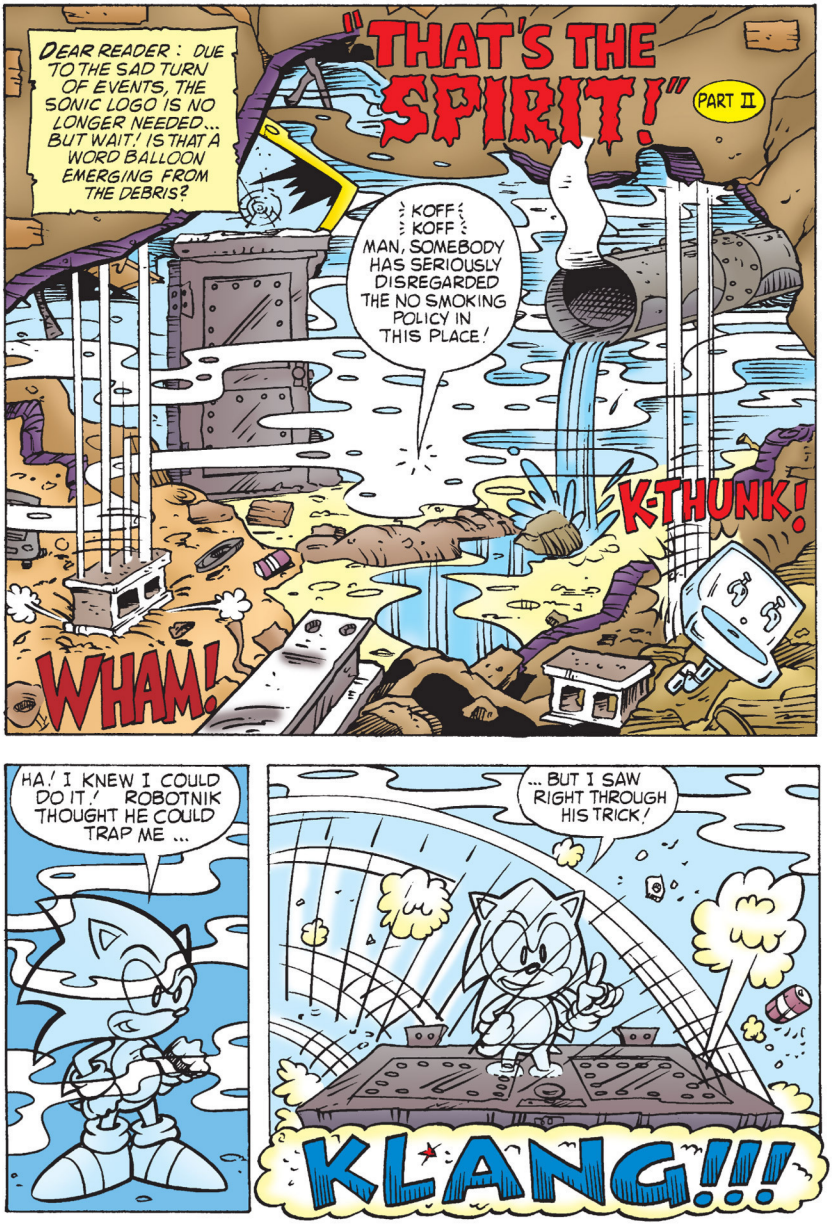
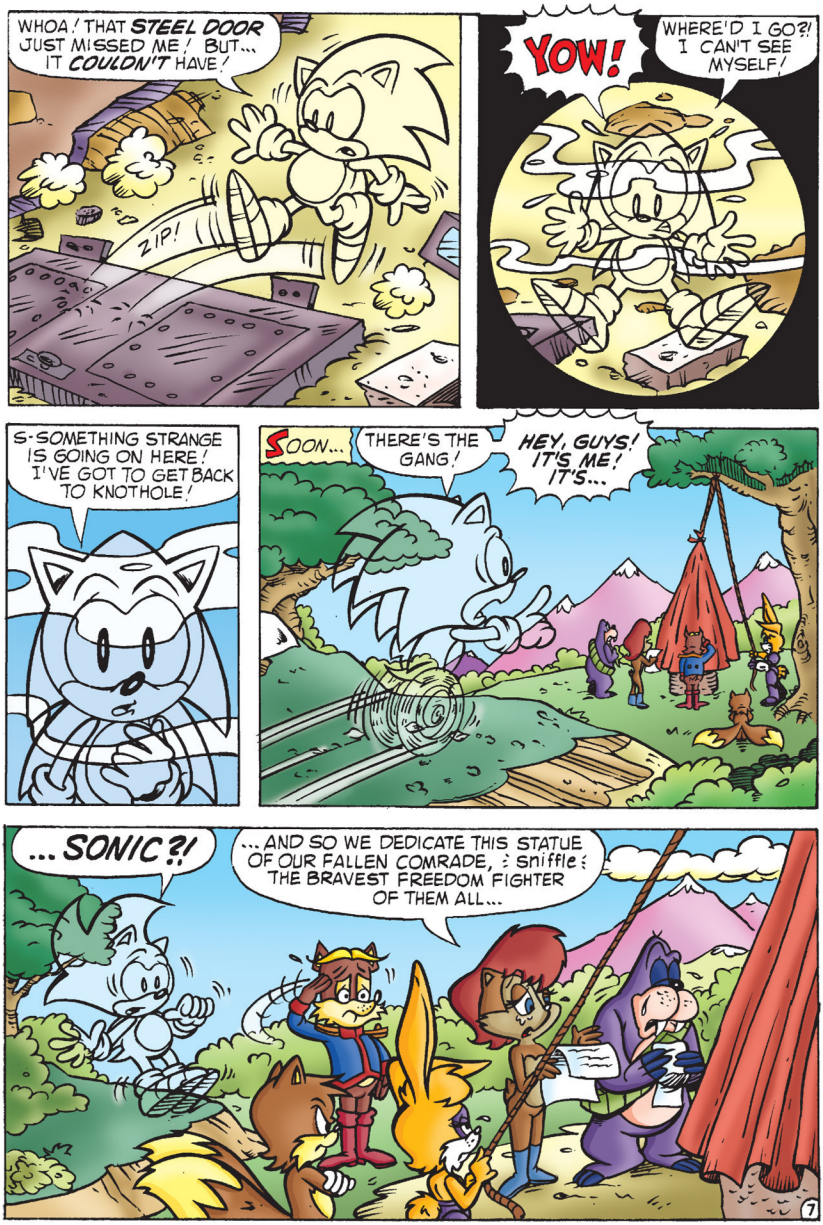
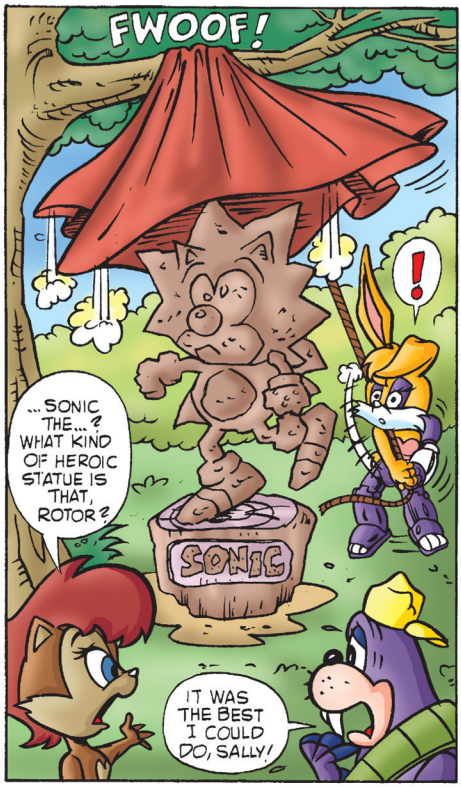

DEAR READER: DUE TO THE SAD TURN OF EVENTS, THE SONIC LOGO IS NO LONGER NEEDED... BUT WAIT! IS THAT A WORD BALLOON EMERGING FROM THE DEBRIS?
"THAT'S THE SPIRIT!"
PART II
KOFF KOFF MAN, SOMEBODY HAS SERIOUSLY DISREGARDED THE NO SMOKING POLICY IN THIS PLACE!
K-THUNK!
WHAM!
HA! I KNEW I COULD DO IT! ROBOTNIK THOUGHT HE COULD TRAP ME ...
... BUT I SAW RIGHT THROUGH HIS TRICK!
KLANG!!!


WHOA! THAT STEEL DOOR JUST MISSED ME! BUT... IT COULDN'T HAVE!
ZIP!
YOW!
WHERE'D I GO?! I CAN'T SEE MYSELF!
S-SOMETHING STRANGE IS GOING ON HERE! I'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO KNOTHOLE!
SOON...
THERE'S THE GANG!
HEY, GUYS! IT'S ME! IT'S...
...SONIC?!
...AND SO WE DEDICATE THIS STATUE OF OUR FALLEN COMRADE, :sniffle: THE BRAVEST FREEDOM FIGHTER OF THEM ALL...


FWOOF!
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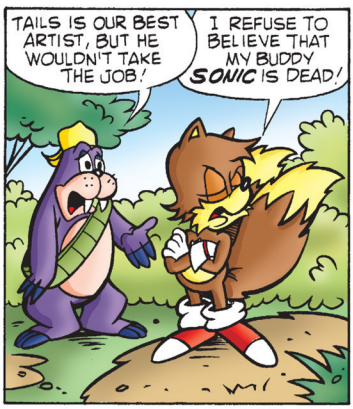
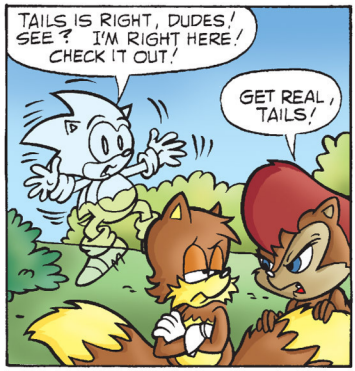
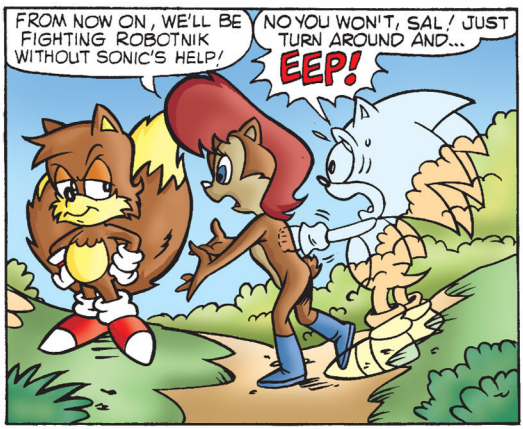
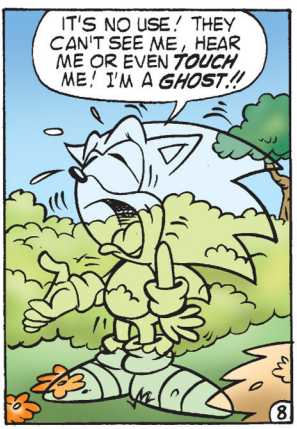
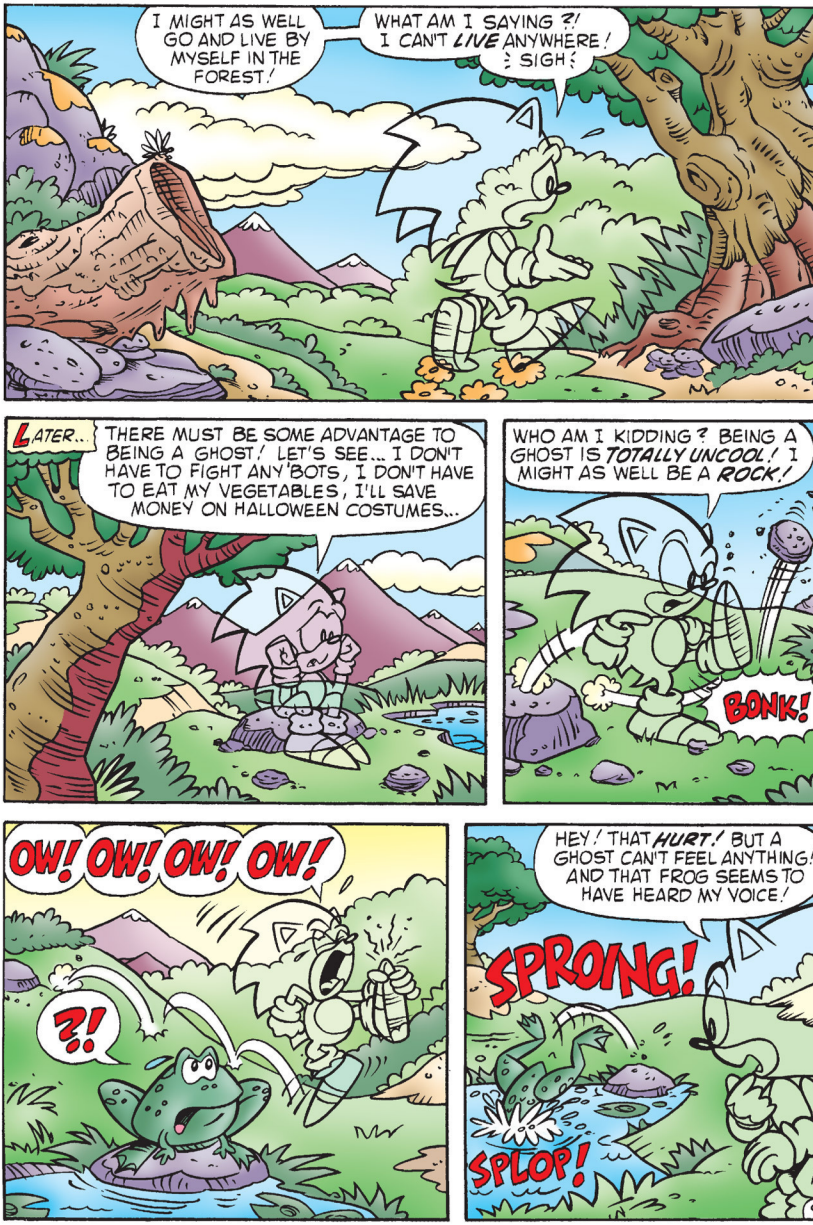
SONIC
...SONIC THE...? WHAT KIND OF HEROIC STATUE IS THAT, ROTOR?
IT WAS THE BEST I COULD DO, SALLY!

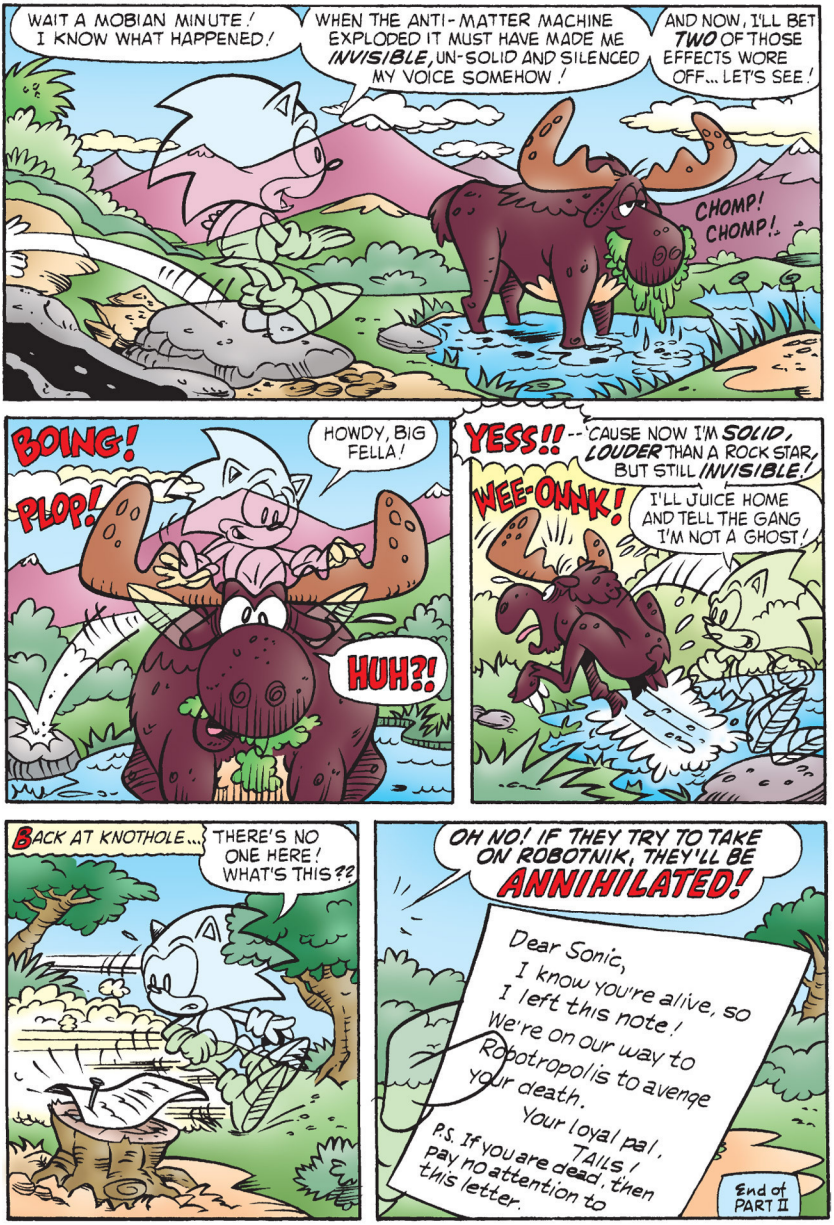

TAILS IS OUR BEST ARTIST, BUT HE WOULDN'T TAKE THE JOB!
I REFUSE TO BELIEVE THAT MY BUDDY SONIC IS DEAD!


TAILS IS RIGHT, DUDES! SEE? I'M RIGHT HERE! CHECK IT OUT!
GET REAL, TAILS!

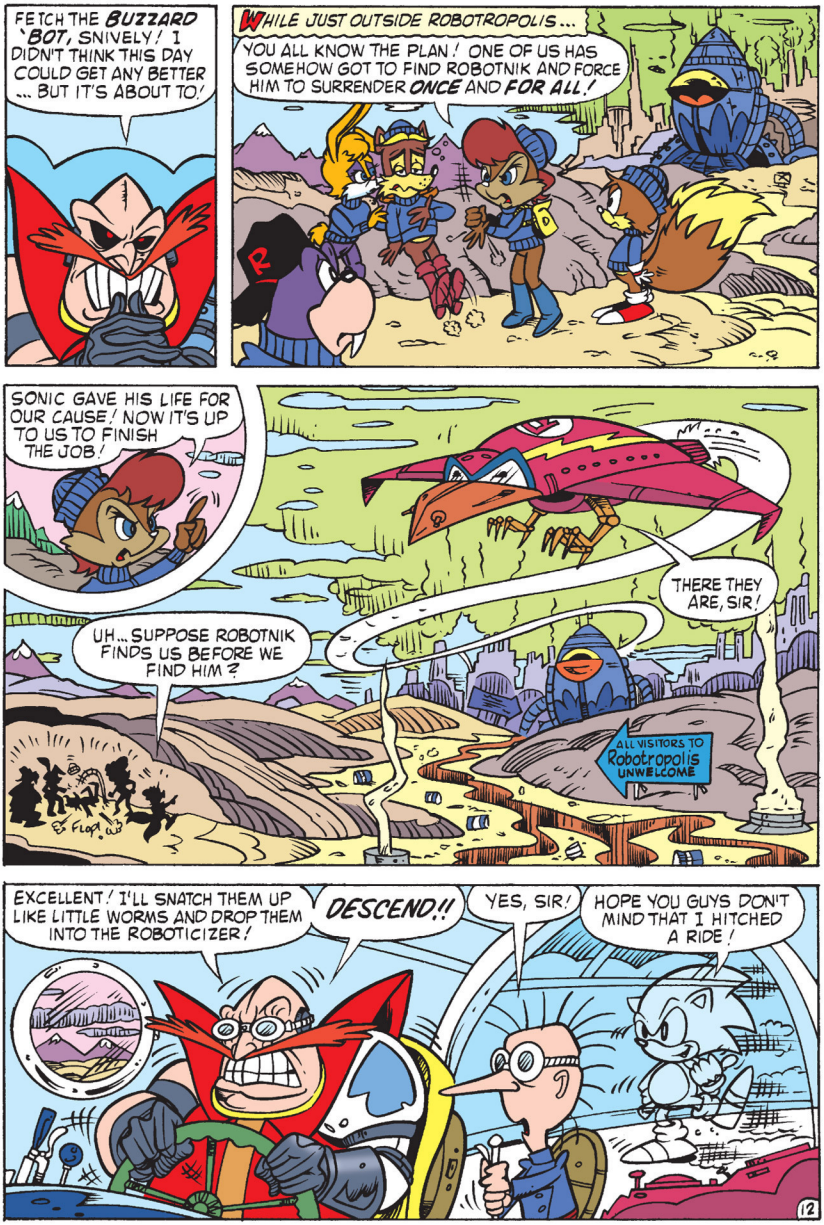

FROM NOW ON, WE'LL BE FIGHTING ROBOTNIK WITHOUT SONIC'S HELP!
NO YOU WON'T, SAL! JUST TURN AROUND AND...
EEP!


IT'S NO USE! THEY CAN'T SEE ME, HEAR ME OR EVEN TOUCH ME! I'M A GHOST.!!


I MIGHT AS WELL GO AND LIVE BY MYSELF IN THE FOREST!
WHAT AM I SAYING?! I CAN'T LIVE ANYWHERE! ⁝SIGH⁝
LATER...
THERE MUST BE SOME ADVANTAGE TO BEING A GHOST! LET'S SEE... I DON'T HAVE TO FIGHT ANY 'BOTS, I DON'T HAVE TO EAT MY VEGETABLES, I'LL SAVE MONEY ON HALLOWEEN COSTUMES...
WHO AM I KIDDING? BEING A GHOST IS TOTALLY UNCOOL! I MIGHT AS WELL BE A ROCK!
BONK!
OW! OW! OW! OW!
?!
HEY! THAT HURT! BUT A GHOST CAN'T FEEL ANYTHING! AND THAT FROG SEEMS TO HAVE HEARD MY VOICE!
SPROING!
SPLOP!


WAIT A MOBIAN MINUTE! I KNOW WHAT HAPPENED!
WHEN THE ANTI-MATTER MACHINE EXPLODED IT MUST HAVE MADE ME INVISIBLE, UN-SOLID AND SILENCED MY VOICE SOMEHOW!
AND NOW, I'LL BET TWO OF THOSE EFFECTS WORE OFF... LET'S SEE!
CHOMP! CHOMP!
BOING!
PLOP!
HOWDY, BIG FELLA!
HUH?!
YESS!!
--'CAUSE NOW I'M SOLID, LOUDER THAN A ROCK STAR, BUT STILL INVISIBLE!
WEE-OHNK!
I'LL JUICE HOME AND TELL THE GANG I'M NOT A GHOST!
BACK AT KNOTHOLE...
THERE'S NO ONE HERE! WHAT'S THIS??
OH NO! IF THEY TRY TO TAKE ON ROBOTNIK, THEY'LL BE ANNIHILATED!
Dear Sonic,
I know you're alive, so I left this note!
We're on our way to Robotropolis to avenge your death.
Your loyal pal, Tails!
P.S. If you are dead, then pay no attention to this letter.
End of PART II

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™
... IS DEAD! LET US OBSERVE A RESPECTFUL MOMENT OF SILENCE!
WAHOO! EEEHAH! YIPEEE!!
SONIC IS DESTROYED! MOBIUS IS MINE AND NO ONE CAN STOP ME! NO ONE!...
EXCEPT THE OTHER FREEDOM FIGHTERS, SIR!
WANTED
SONIC
Hedgehog
"THAT'S THE SPIRIT!"
PART III
INSECT! DO YOU DARE TO SUGGEST THAT THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS CAN DEFEAT ME WITHOUT THE CURSED HEDGEHOG?!
N-N-NOT AT ALL, SIR!
I SIMPLY MEANT THAT THEY ARE GOING TO TRY TO DEFEAT YOU, OH HOSTILE ONE! OBSERVE! THEY'RE APPROACHING THE CITY!
FREEDOM FIGHTER FINDER
WHAT?!
TO ROBOTROPOLIS


FETCH THE BUZZARD 'BOT, SNIVELY! I DIDN'T THINK THIS DAY COULD GET ANY BETTER ... BUT IT'S ABOUT TO!
WHILE JUST OUTSIDE ROBOTROPOLIS...
YOU ALL KNOW THE PLAN! ONE OF US HAS SOMEHOW GOT TO FIND ROBOTNIK AND FORCE HIM TO SURRENDER ONCE AND FOR ALL!
SONIC GAVE HIS LIFE FOR OUR CAUSE! NOW IT'S UP TO US TO FINISH THE JOB!
UH... SUPPOSE ROBOTNIK FINDS US BEFORE WE FIND HIM?
THERE THEY ARE, SIR!
ALL VISITORS TO Robotropolis UNWELCOME
EXCELLENT! I'LL SNATCH THEM UP LIKE LITTLE WORMS AND DROP THEM INTO THE ROBOTICIZER!
DESCEND!!
YES, SIR!
HOPE YOU GUYS DON'T MIND THAT I HITCHED A RIDE!
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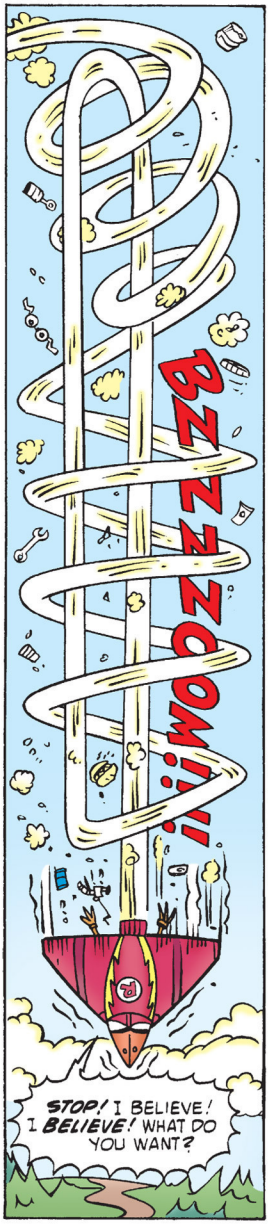
WHO SAID THAT?
I'LL TAKE OVER THESE CONTROLS FOR NOW, THANK YOU!
BZZZOOOOM!
WHOAH!
ROBOTNIK! I AM THE GHOST OF SONIC THE HEDGEHOG! I'VE COME TO TAKE MY REVENGE ON YOU!
I DON'T BELIEVE IN GHOSTS! THIS IS A TRICK! I'M GOING TO...
EEEEEEYAHHHHHHH!!!
ROBOTNIK!!
BZZZ
ZZZZ-
ZOOM!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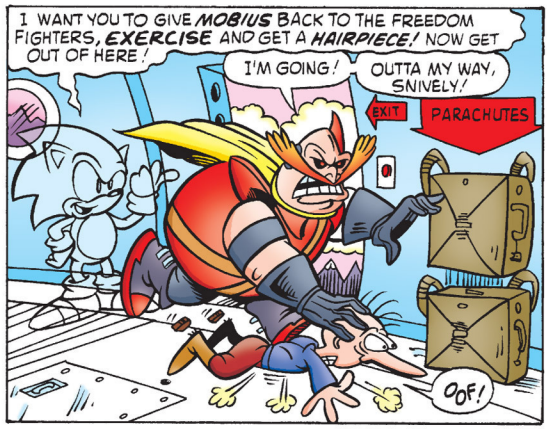
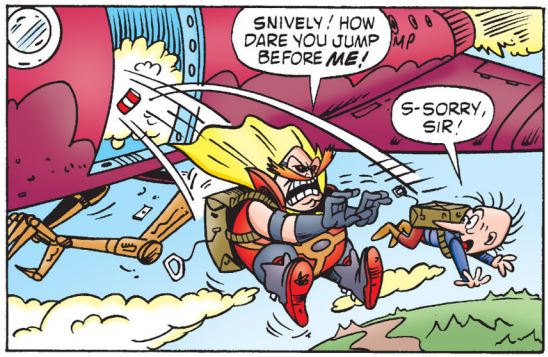
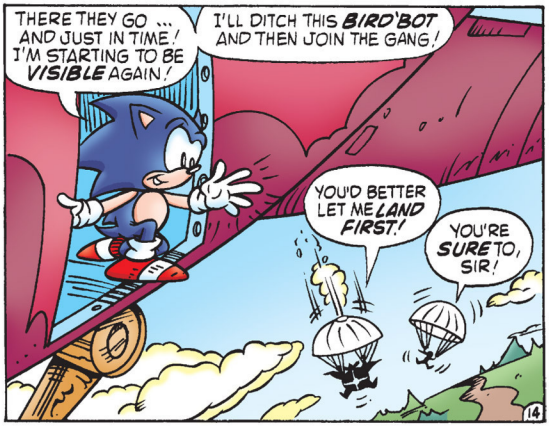
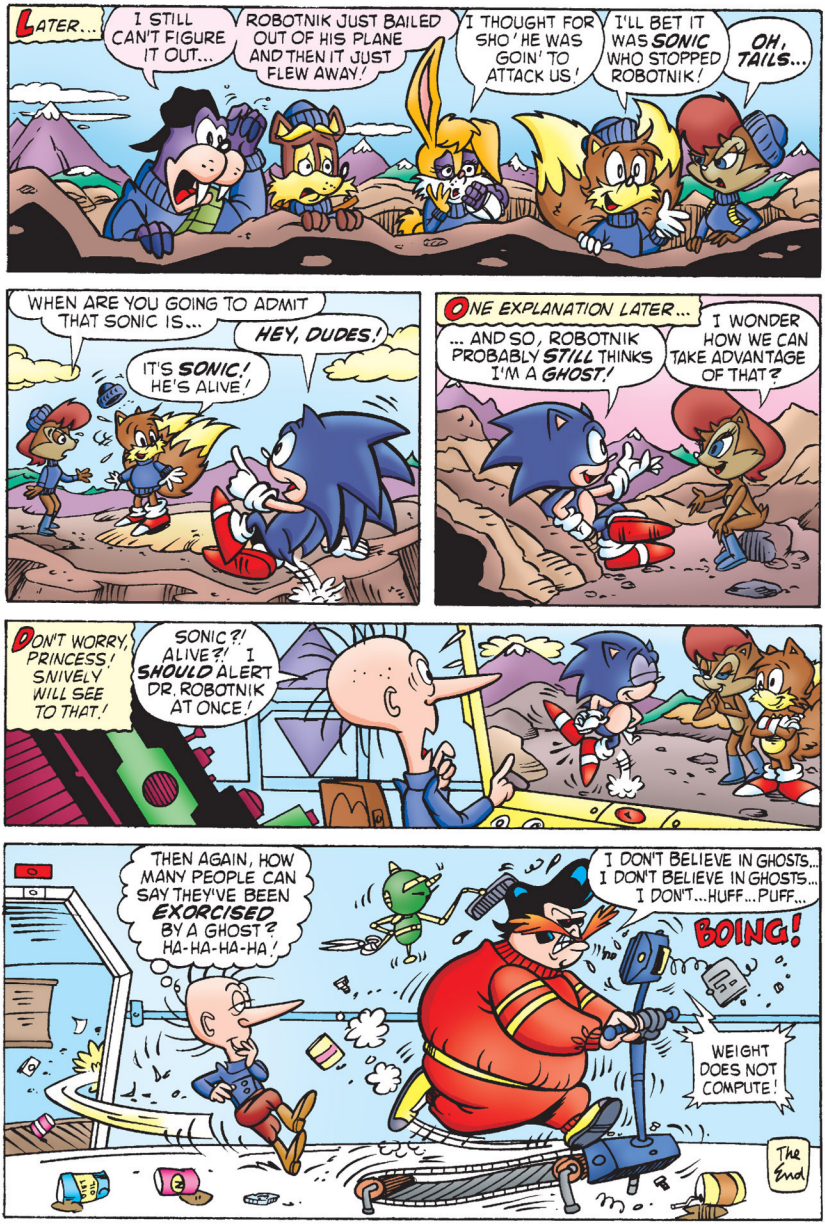
STOP! I BELIEVE! I BELIEVE! WHAT DO YOU WANT?

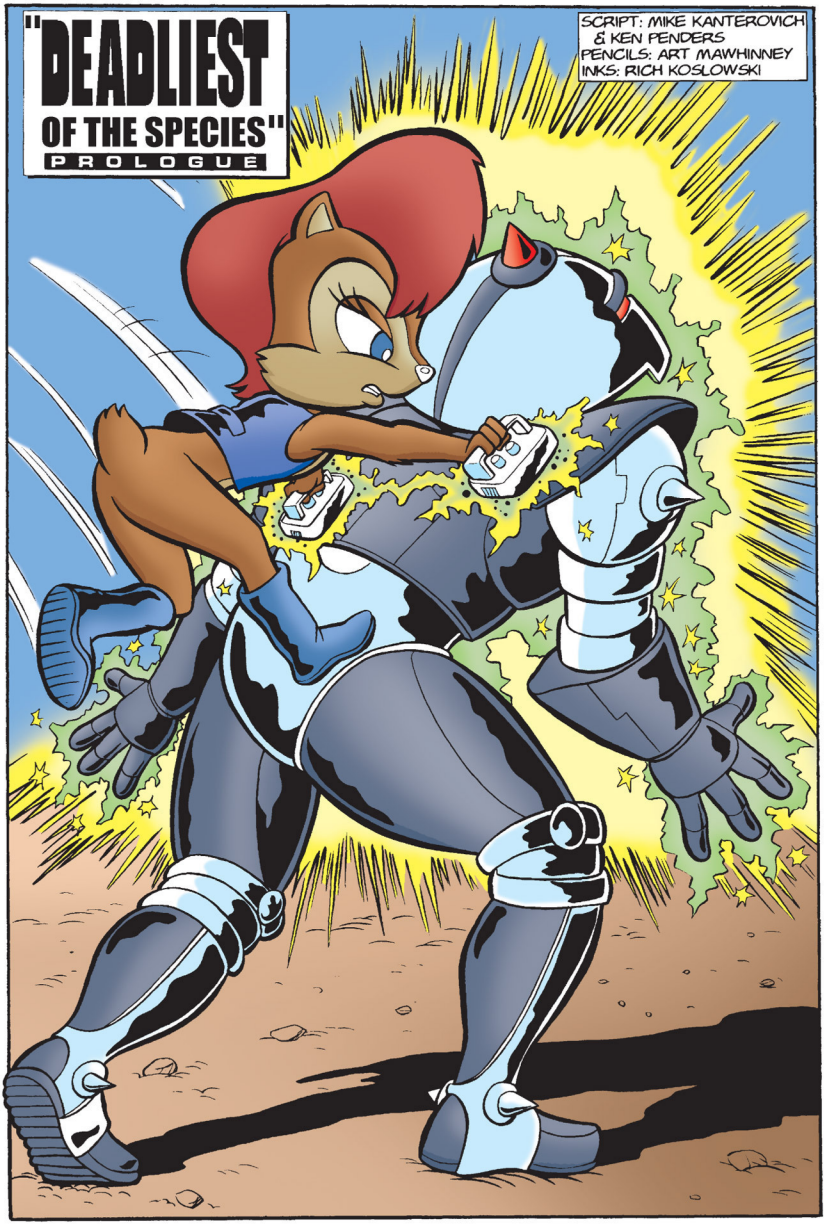

I WANT YOU TO GIVE MOBIUS BACK TO THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS, EXERCISE AND GET A HAIRPIECE! NOW GET OUT OF HERE!
I'M GOING!
OUTTA MY WAY, SNIVELY!
EXIT
PARACHUTES
OOF!


SNIVELY! HOW DARE YOU JUMP BEFORE ME!
S-SORRY, SIR!


THERE THEY GO ... AND JUST IN TIME! I'M STARTING TO BE VISIBLE AGAIN!
I'LL DITCH THIS BIRD'BOT AND THEN JOIN THE GANG!
YOU'D BETTER LET ME LAND FIRST!
YOU'RE SURE TO, SIR!


LATER...
I STILL CAN'T FIGURE IT OUT...
ROBOTNIK JUST BAILED OUT OF HIS PLANE AND THEN IT JUST FLEW AWAY!
I THOUGHT FOR SHO' HE WAS GOIN' TO ATTACK US!
I'LL BET IT WAS SONIC WHO STOPPED ROBOTNIK!
OH, TAILS...
WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO ADMIT THAT SONIC IS...
HEY, DUDES!
IT'S SONIC! HE'S ALIVE!
ONE EXPLANATION LATER...
... AND SO, ROBOTNIK PROBABLY STILL THINKS I'M A GHOST!
I WONDER HOW WE CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT?
DON'T WORRY, PRINCESS! SNIVELY WILL SEE TO THAT!
SONIC?! ALIVE?! I SHOULD ALERT DR. ROBOTNIK AT ONCE!
THEN AGAIN, HOW MANY PEOPLE CAN SAY THEY'VE BEEN EXORCISED BY A GHOST? HA-HA-HA-HA!
I DON'T BELIEVE IN GHOSTS... I DON'T BELIEVE IN GHOSTS... I DON'T...HUFF...PUFF...
BOING!
WEIGHT DOES NOT COMPUTE!
The End

A
PRINCESS
Sally™
ADVENTURE
ROBOTROPOLIS ENERGY SUB-STATION #257
ROBOTROPOLIS ENERGY SUB-STATION #257
F-ZOOM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OF THE SPECIES"
PROLOGUE
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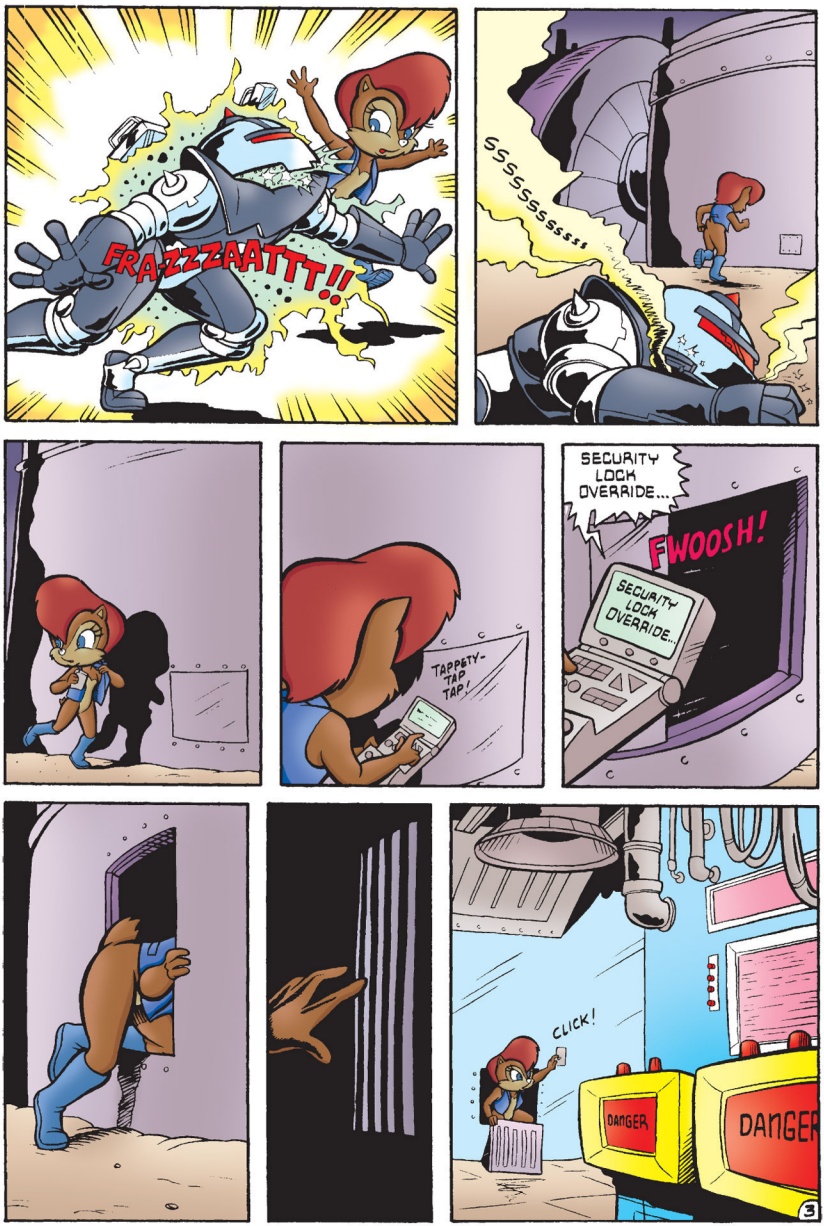
FRA-ZZZAATTT!!
SSSSSSSSSSS
SECURITY LOCK OVERRIDE...
FWOOSH!
SECURITY LOCK OVERRIDE...
TAPPETY-TAP TAP!
CLICK!
DANGER
DANGER
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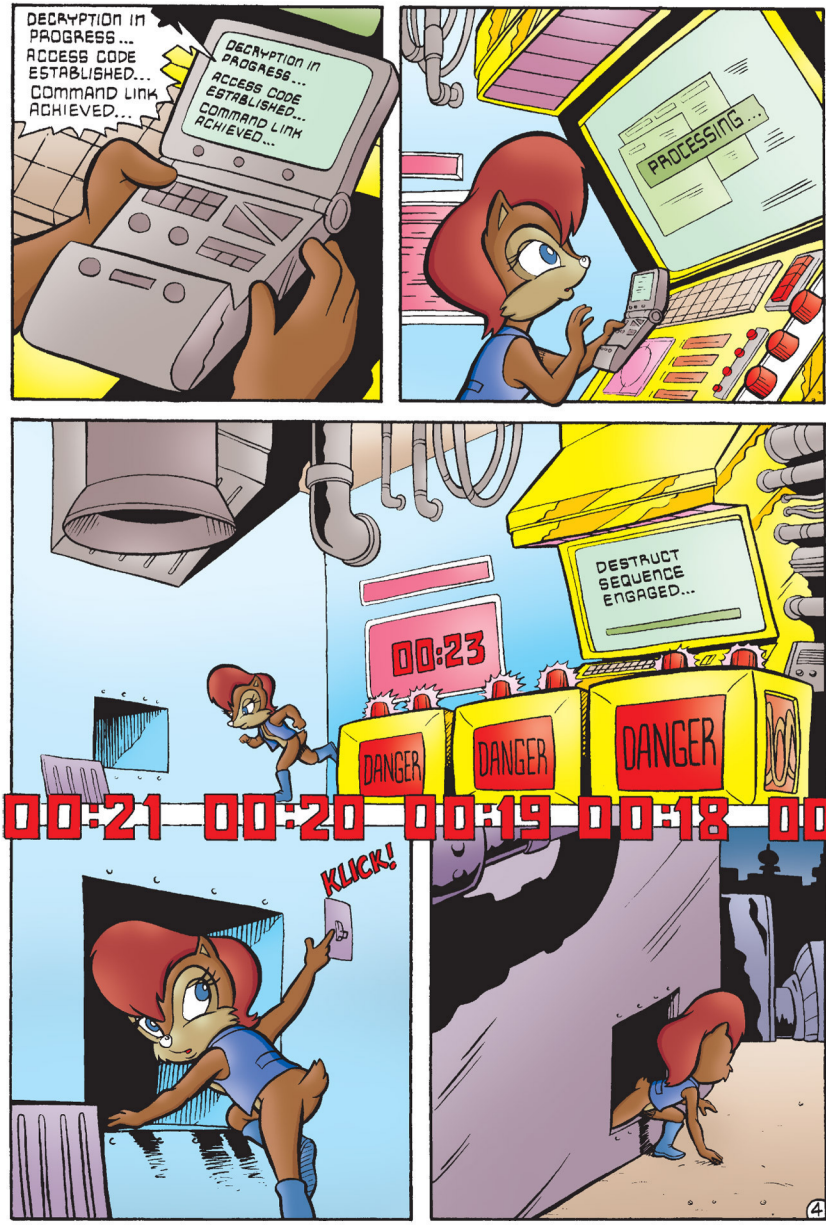
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COMMAND LINK ACHIEVED...
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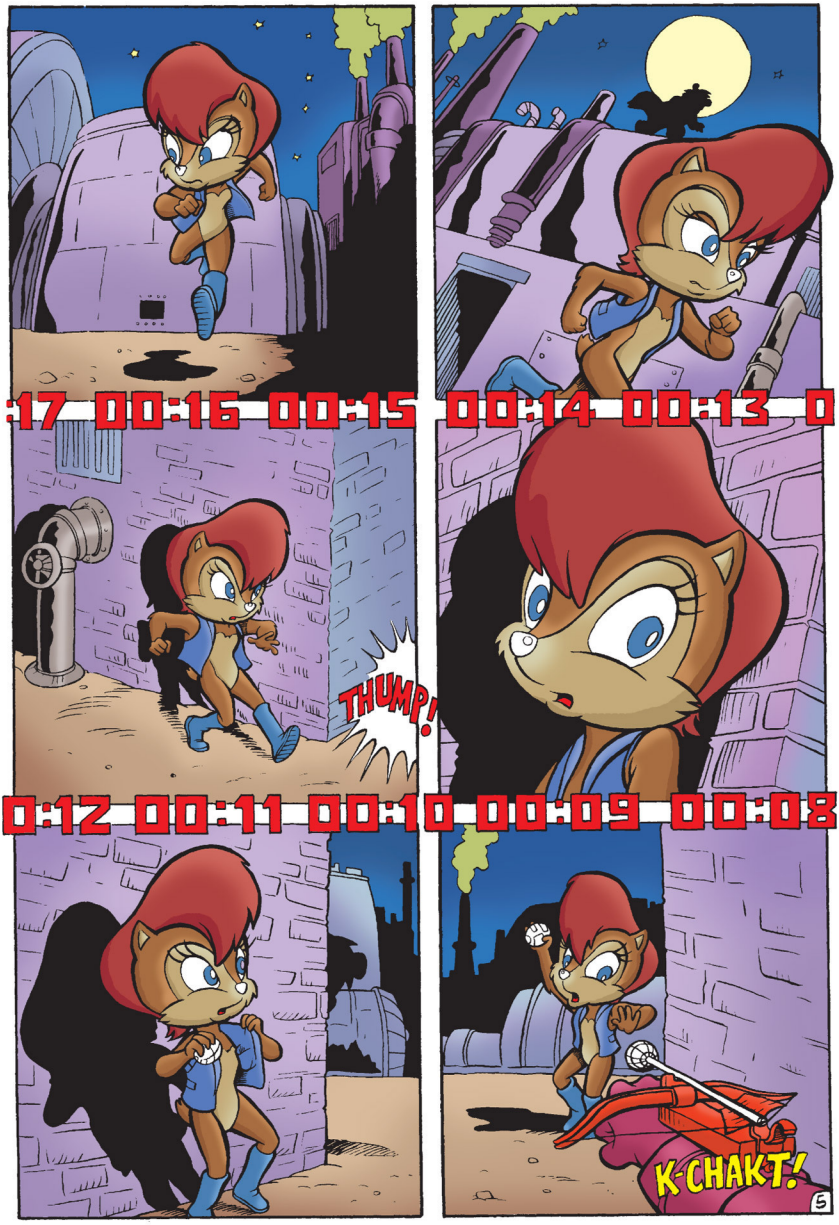
KLICK!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THUMP!
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00:08
K-CHAKT!
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WHO... ARE YOU?
WOULD'VE THOUGHT THAT T'BE OBVIOUS, LUV...
I'M THE BLOKE WITH THE KNOCK-OUT GAS BOLT, READY T' PUT YA TO SLEEP!
00:07 00:06 00:05 00:04
NOW EXPLAIN YA SELF, OR IT'S INTO THE LAND OF DREAMS FOR YA!
LOOK... WHOEVER YOU ARE... WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS!!
EXPLOSION? WHAT EXPLOSION?!
WE NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE THE EXPLOSION...
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KA-BOOM
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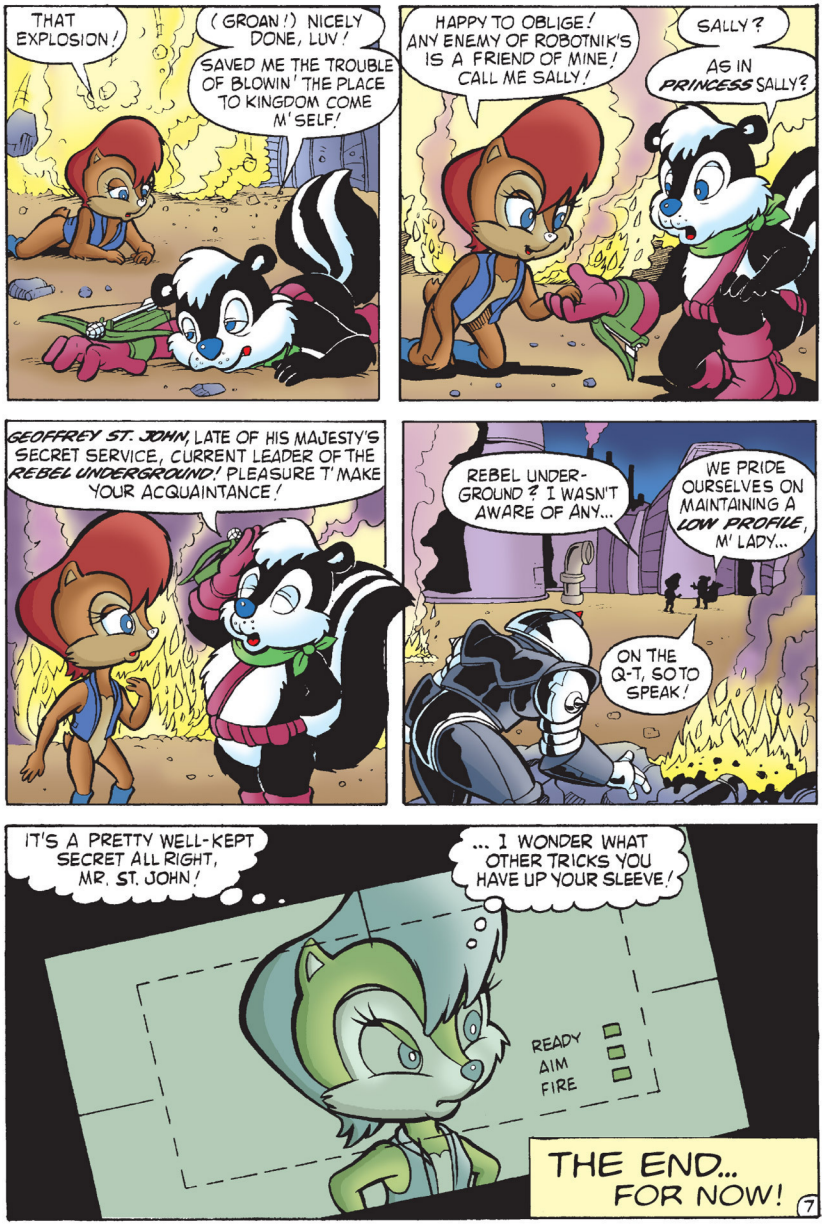
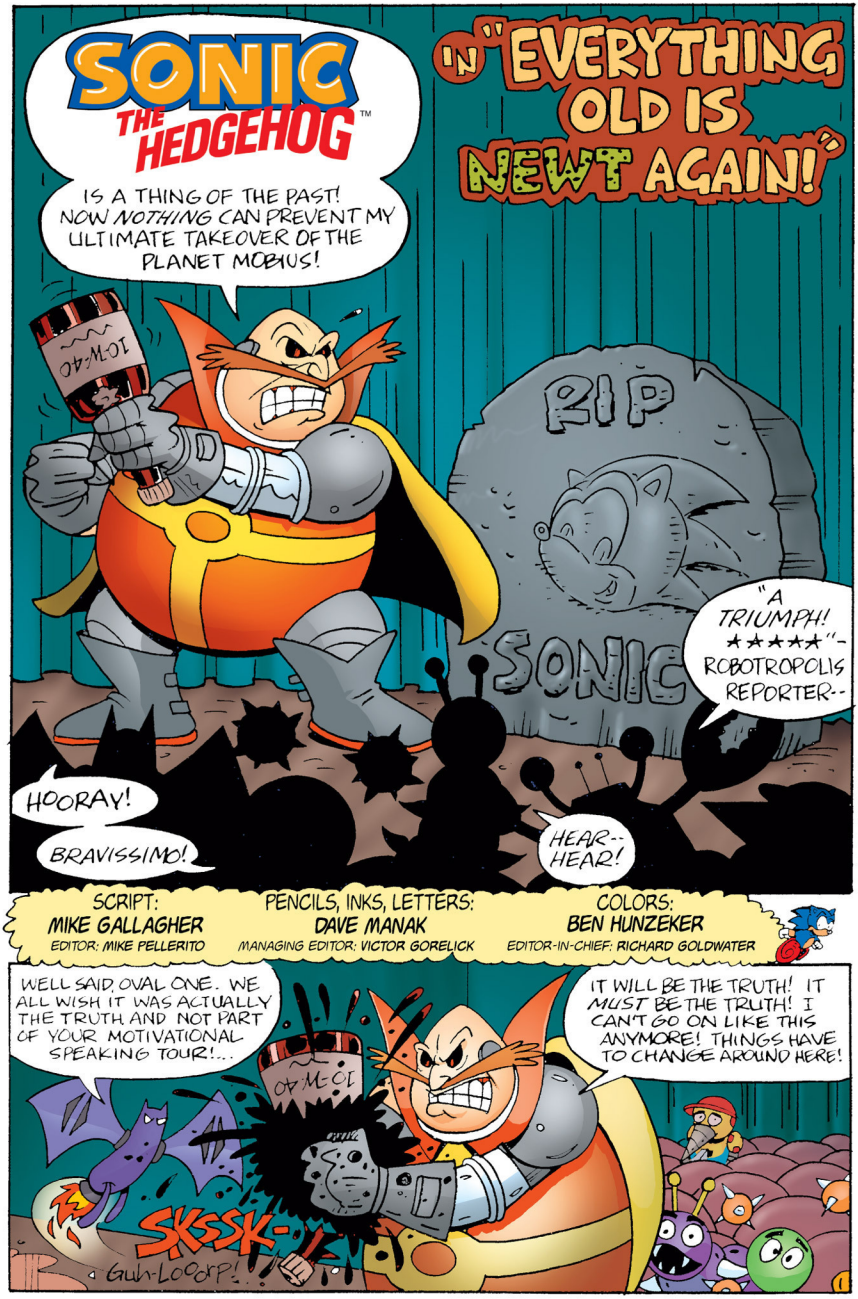

THAT EXPLOSION!
(GROAN!) NICELY DONE, LUV!
SAVED ME THE TROUBLE OF BLOWIN' THE PLACE TO KINGDOM COME M'SELF!
HAPPY TO OBLIGE! ANY ENEMY OF ROBOTNIK'S IS A FRIEND OF MINE! CALL ME SALLY!
SALLY?
AS IN PRINCESS SALLY?
GEOFFREY ST. JOHN, LATE OF HIS MAJESTY'S SECRET SERVICE, CURRENT LEADER OF THE REBEL UNDERGROUND! PLEASURE T'MAKE YOUR ACQUAINTANCE!
REBEL UNDERGROUND? I WASN'T AWARE OF ANY...
WE PRIDE OURSELVES ON MAINTAINING A LOW PROFILE, M'LADY...
ON THE Q-T, SO TO SPEAK!
IT'S A PRETTY WELL-KEPT SECRET ALL RIGHT, MR. ST. JOHN!
... I WONDER WHAT OTHER TRICKS YOU HAVE UP YOUR SLEEVE!
READY
AIM
FIRE
THE END... FOR NOW!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

While searching the vault for these classic Sonic stories we ran across a lost treasure. A lost story, never before seen. We gathered up the classic team and had this story brought to life for this archive. We hope you enjoy this story and the return of a classic larger-than-life Badnik! So, read on and enjoy!


SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™
IN "EVERYTHING OLD IS NEWT AGAIN!"
IS A THING OF THE PAST! NOW NOTHING CAN PREVENT MY ULTIMATE TAKEOVER OF THE PLANET MOBIUS!
10-W-40
R.I.P
SONIC
"A TRIUMPH! ★★★★★"- ROBOTROPOLIS REPORTER--
HOORAY!
BRAVISSIMO!
HEAR-- HEAR!
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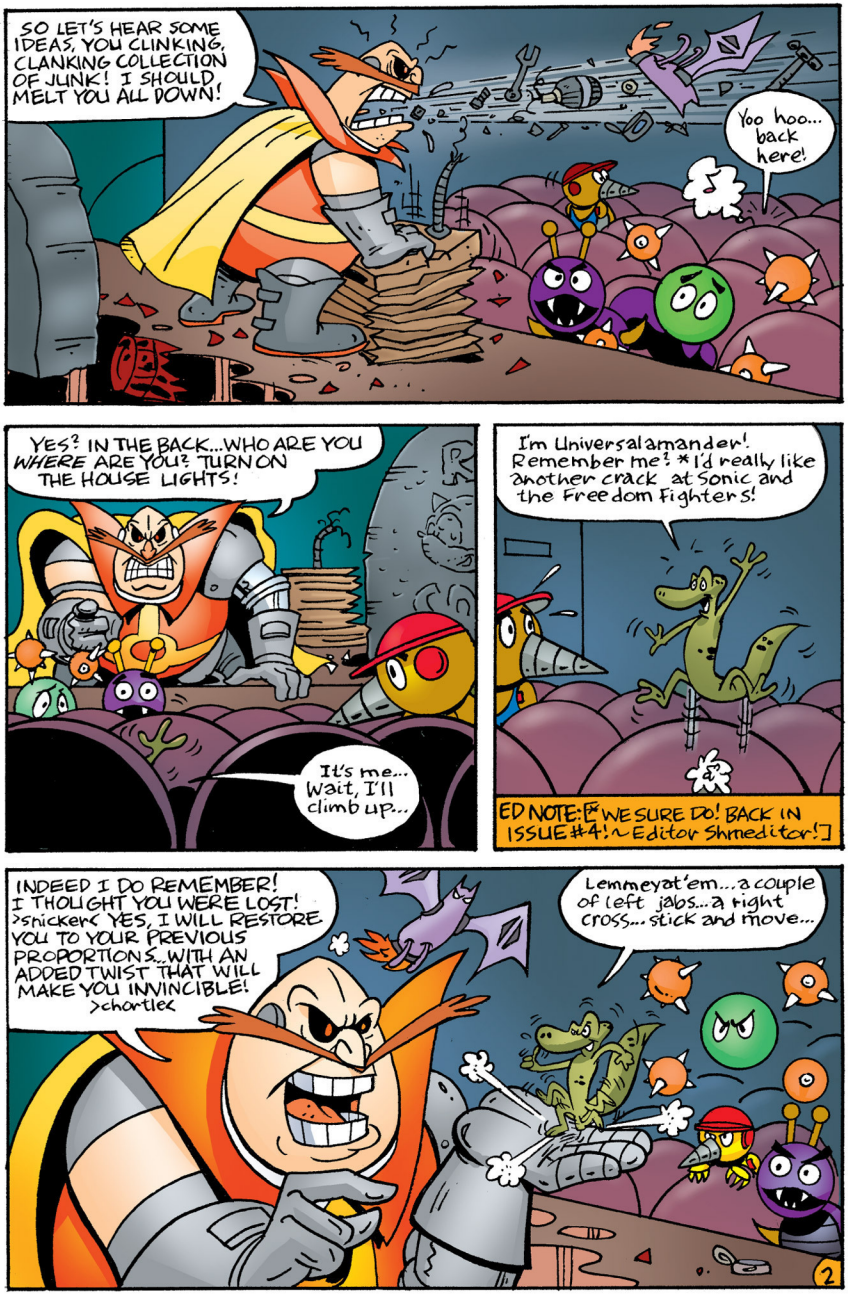
WELL SAID, OVAL ONE. WE ALL WISH IT WAS ACTUALLY THE TRUTH AND NOT PART OF YOUR MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKING TOUR!...
IT WILL BE THE TRUTH! IT MUST BE THE TRUTH! I CAN'T GO ON LIKE THIS ANYMORE! THINGS HAVE TO CHANGE AROUND HERE!
SKSSK-
Guh-Loorp!


SO LET'S HEAR SOME IDEAS, YOU CLINKING, CLANKING COLLECTION OF JUNK! I SHOULD MELT YOU ALL DOWN!
Yoo hoo... back here!
YES? IN THE BACK...WHO ARE YOU WHERE ARE YOU? TURN ON THE HOUSE LIGHTS!
It's me... Wait, I'll climb up...
I'm Universalamander! Remember me? *I'd really like another crack at Sonic and the Freedom Fighters!
ED NOTE: E WE SURE DO! BACK IN ISSUE #4! ~Editor Shmeditor!]
INDEED I DO REMEMBER! I THOUGHT YOU WERE LOST! >snicker< YES, I WILL RESTORE YOU TO YOUR PREVIOUS PROPORTIONS...WITH AN ADDED TWIST THAT WILL MAKE YOU INVINCIBLE! >chortle<
Lemmeyat'em...a couple of left jabs...a right cross... stick and move...
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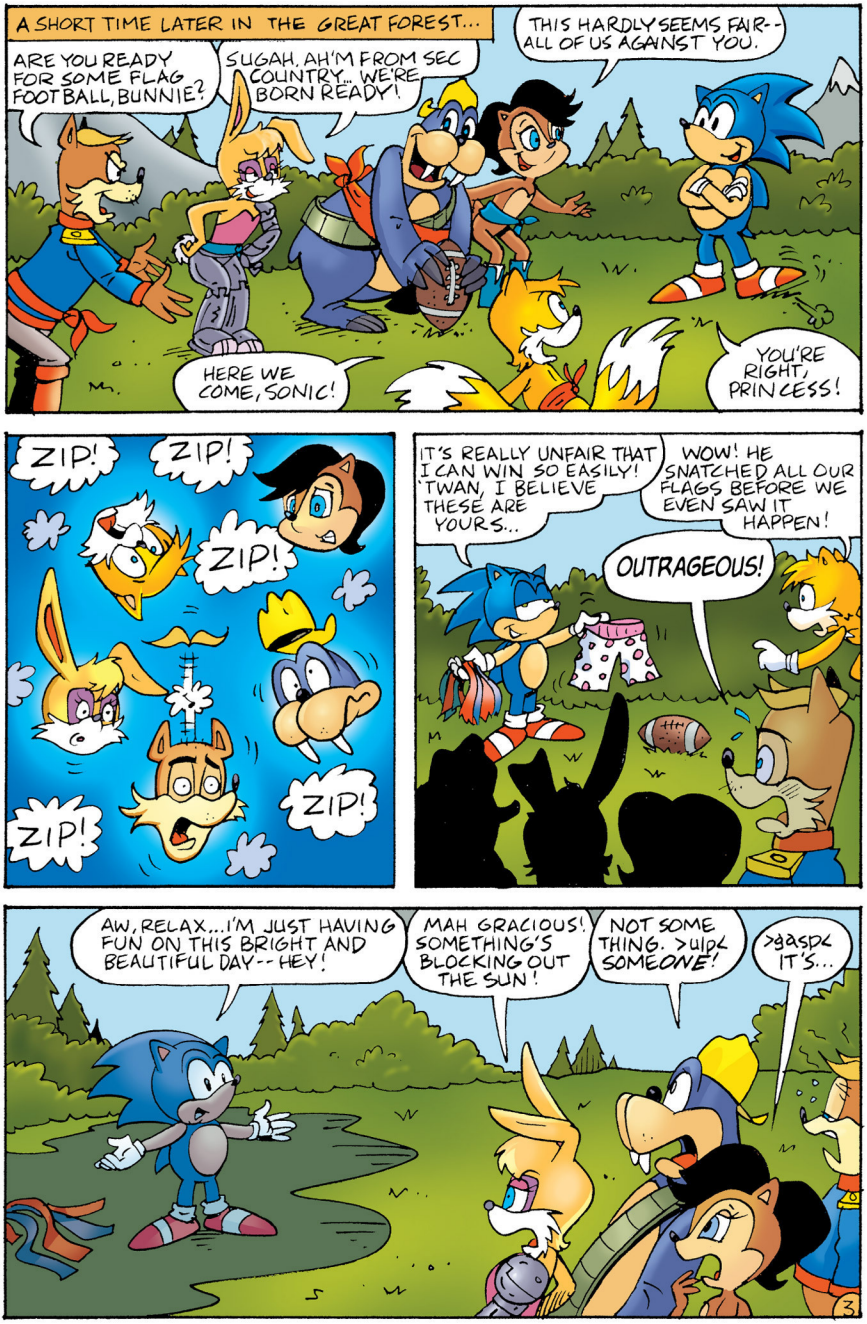
A SHORT TIME LATER IN THE GREAT FOREST...
ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FLAG FOOTBALL, BUNNIE?
SUGAH, AH'M FROM SEC COUNTRY... WE'RE BORN READY!
THIS HARDLY SEEMS FAIR-- ALL OF US AGAINST YOU.
HERE WE COME, SONIC!
YOU'RE RIGHT, PRINCESS!
ZIP!
ZIP!
ZIP!
ZIP!
ZIP!
IT'S REALLY UNFAIR THAT I CAN WIN SO EASILY! 'TWAN, I BELIEVE THESE ARE YOURS...
WOW! HE SNATCHED ALL OUR FLAGS BEFORE WE EVEN SAW IT HAPPEN!
OUTRAGEOUS!
AW, RELAX...I'M JUST HAVING FUN ON THIS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL DAY-- HEY!
MAH GRACIOUS! SOMETHING'S BLOCKING OUT THE SUN!
NOT SOME THING. >ulpk SOMEONE!
>gasp< IT'S...
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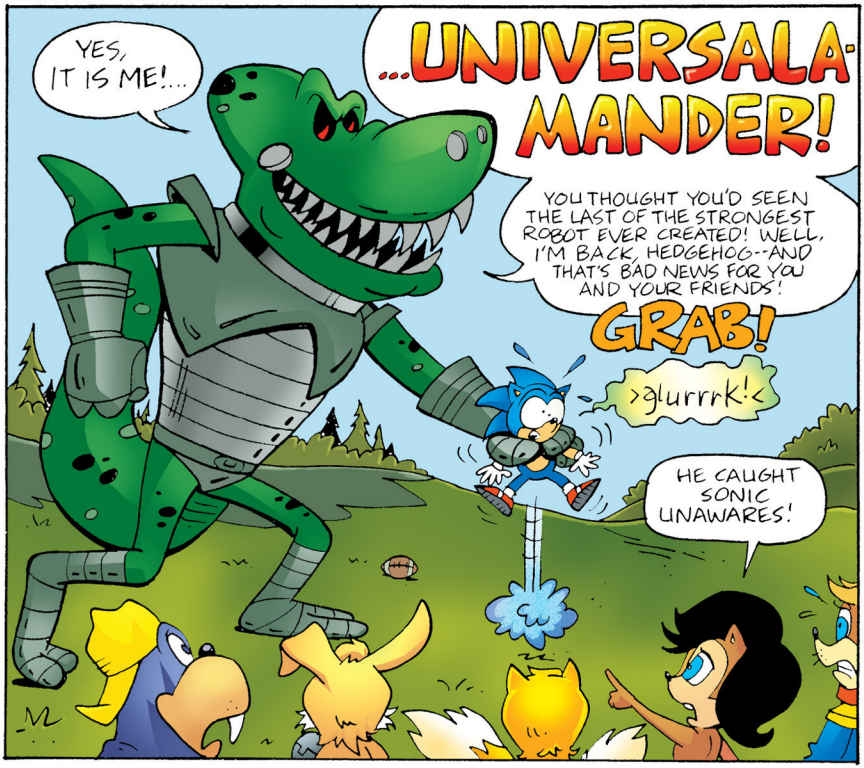
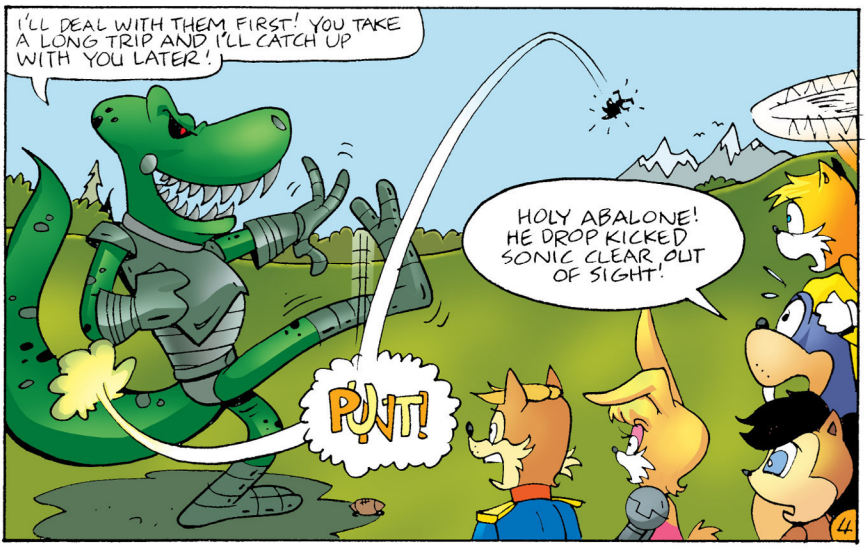
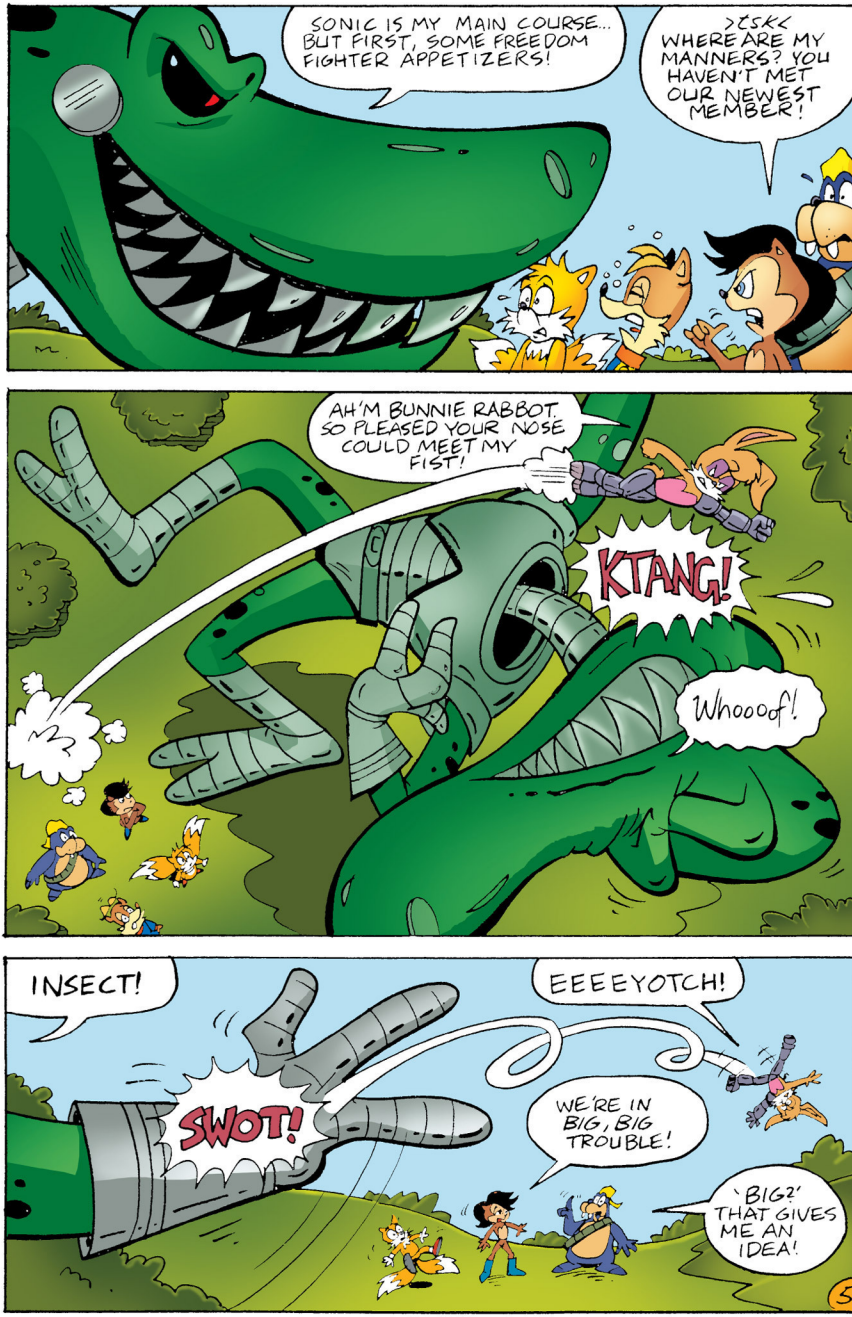

YES, IT IS ME!...
...UNIVERSALA-MANDER!
YOU THOUGHT YOU'D SEEN THE LAST OF THE STRONGEST ROBOT EVER CREATED! WELL, I'M BACK, HEDGEHOG--AND THAT'S BAD NEWS FOR YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS!
GRAB!
>glurrrk!<
HE CAUGHT SONIC UNAWARES!


I'LL DEAL WITH THEM FIRST! YOU TAKE A LONG TRIP AND I'LL CATCH UP WITH YOU LATER!
PUNT!
HOLY ABALONE! HE DROP KICKED SONIC CLEAR OUT OF SIGHT!


SONIC IS MY MAIN COURSE... BUT FIRST, SOME FREEDOM FIGHTER APPETIZERS!
>ZSK< WHERE ARE MY MANNERS? YOU HAVEN'T MET OUR NEWEST MEMBER!
AH'M BUNNIE RABBOT. SO PLEASED YOUR NOSE COULD MEET MY FIST!
KTANG!
Whoooof!
INSECT!
SWOT!
EEEEYOTCH!
WE'RE IN BIG, BIG TROUBLE!
'BIG?' THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA!
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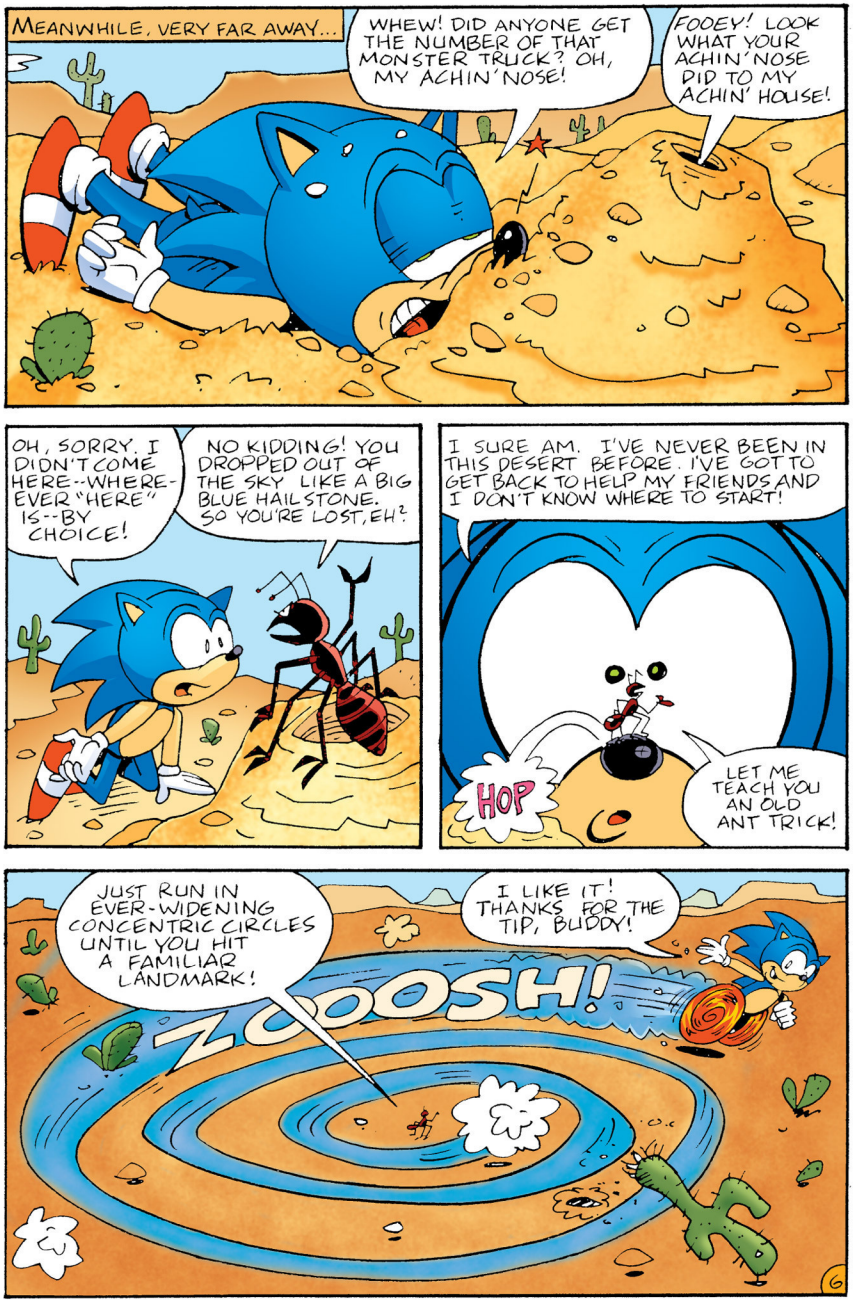
MEANWHILE, VERY FAR AWAY...
WHEW! DID ANYONE GET THE NUMBER OF THAT MONSTER TRUCK? OH, MY ACHIN' NOSE!
FOOEY! LOOK WHAT YOUR ACHIN' NOSE DID TO MY ACHIN' HOUSE!
OH, SORRY. I DIDN'T COME HERE--WHEREEVER "HERE" IS--BY CHOICE!
NO KIDDING! YOU DROPPED OUT OF THE SKY LIKE A BIG BLUE HAILSTONE. SO YOU'RE LOST, EH?
I SURE AM. I'VE NEVER BEEN IN THIS DESERT BEFORE. I'VE GOT TO GET BACK TO HELP MY FRIENDS AND I DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START!
HOP
LET ME TEACH YOU AN OLD ANT TRICK!
JUST RUN IN EVER-WIDENING CONCENTRIC CIRCLES UNTIL YOU HIT A FAMILIAR LANDMARK!
I LIKE IT! THANKS FOR THE TIP, BUDDY!
ZOOOSH!
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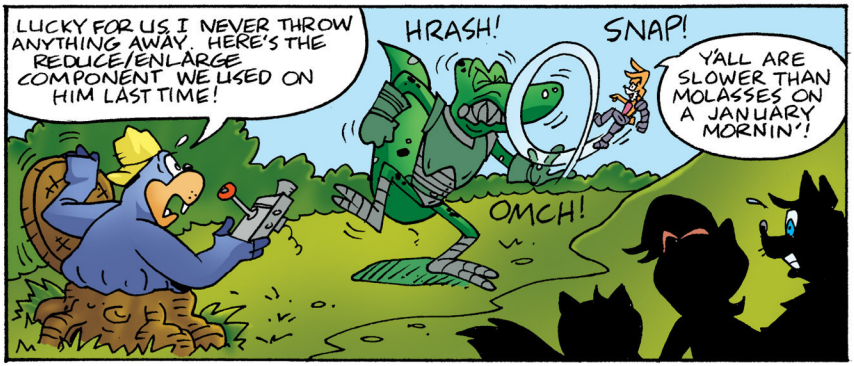
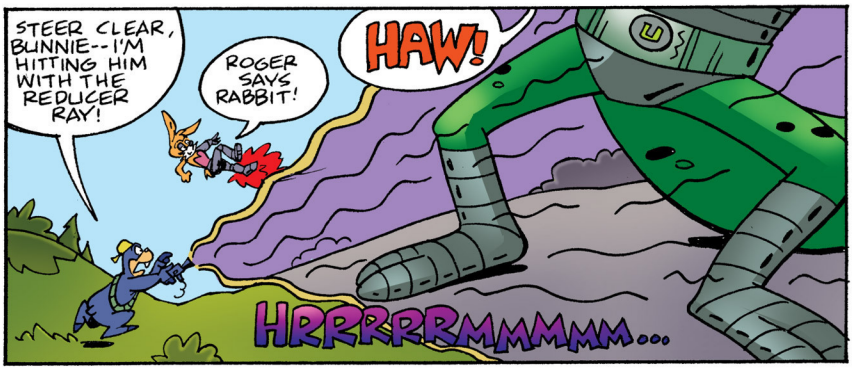
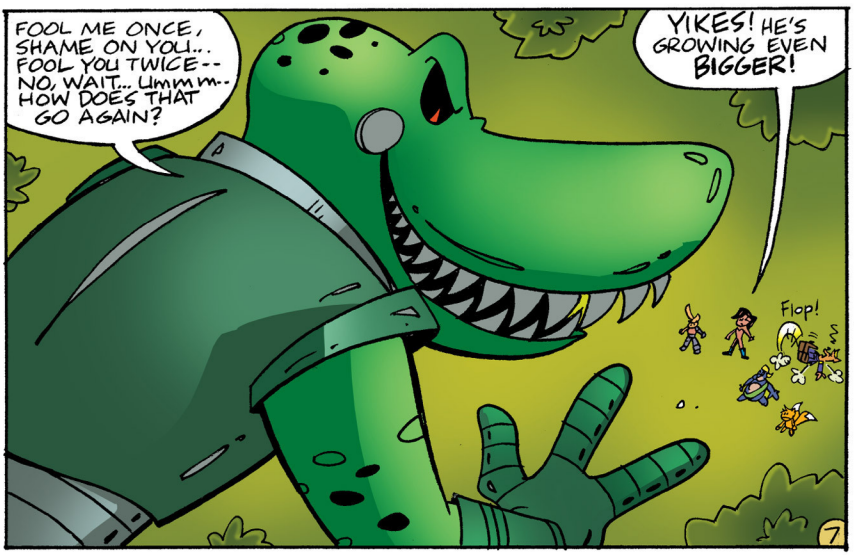
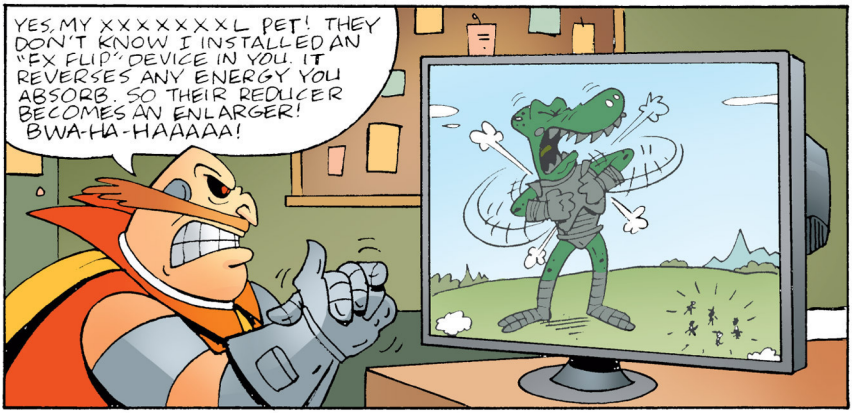
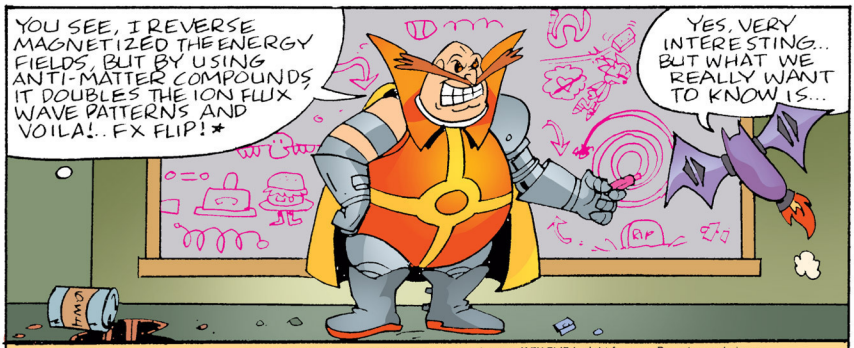

LUCKY FOR US I NEVER THROW ANYTHING AWAY. HERE'S THE REDUCE/ENLARGE COMPONENT WE USED ON HIM LAST TIME!
HRASH!
SNAP!
Y'ALL ARE SLOWER THAN MOLASSES ON A JANUARY MORNIN'!
OMCH!


STEER CLEAR, BUNNIE--I'M HITTING HIM WITH THE REDUCER RAY!
ROGER SAYS RABBIT!
HAW!
HRRRRRMMMMM...


FOOL ME ONCE, SHAME ON YOU... FOOL YOU TWICE--NO, WAIT... Ummmm-- HOW DOES THAT GO AGAIN?
YIKES! HE'S GROWING EVEN BIGGER!
Flop!


YES, MY XXXXXXXL PET! THEY DON'T KNOW I INSTALLED AN "FX FLIP" DEVICE IN YOU. IT REVERSES ANY ENERGY YOU ABSORB. SO THEIR REDUCER BECOMES AN ENLARGER! BWA-HA-HAAAAA!


YOU SEE, I REVERSE MAGNETIZED THE ENERGY FIELDS, BUT BY USING ANTI-MATTER COMPOUNDS IT DOUBLES THE ION FLUX WAVE PATTERNS AND VOILA!.. FX FLIP!*
YES, VERY INTERESTING.. BUT WHAT WE REALLY WANT TO KNOW IS...

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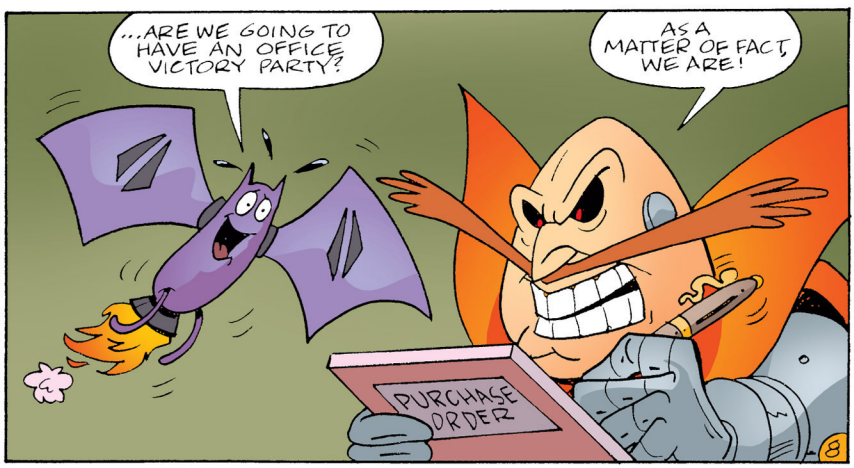

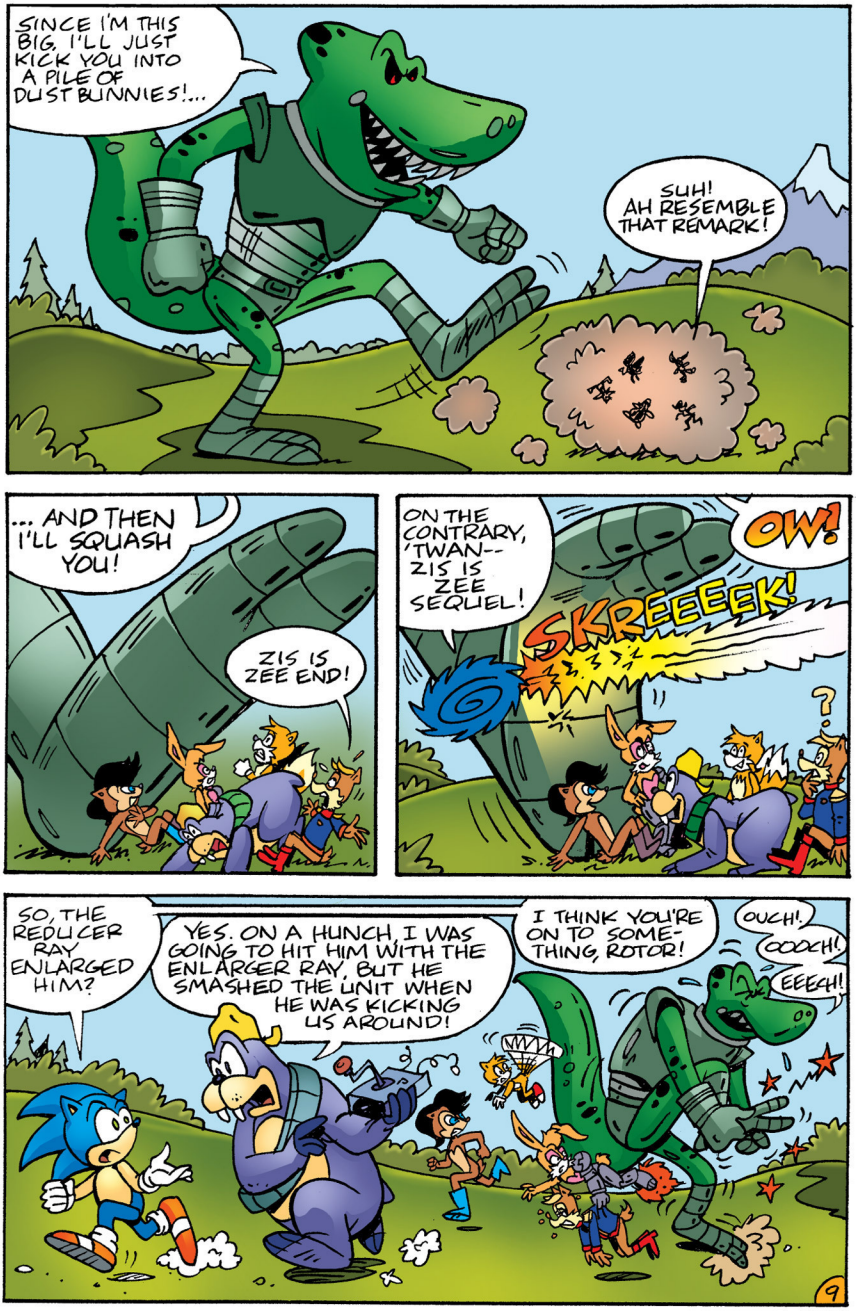
SINCE I'M THIS BIG, I'LL JUST KICK YOU INTO A PILE OF DUST BUNNIES!...
SUH! AH RESEMBLE THAT REMARK!
... AND THEN I'LL SQUASH YOU!
ZIS IS ZEE END!
ON THE CONTRARY, 'TWAN-- ZIS IS ZEE SEQUEL!
OW!
SKREEEEEK!
?
SO, THE REDUCER RAY ENLARGED HIM?
YES. ON A HUNCH, I WAS GOING TO HIT HIM WITH THE ENLARGER RAY, BUT HE SMASHED THE UNIT WHEN HE WAS KICKING US AROUND!
I THINK YOU'RE ON TO SOME-THING, ROTOR!
OUCH!
OOOOH!
EEEEH!
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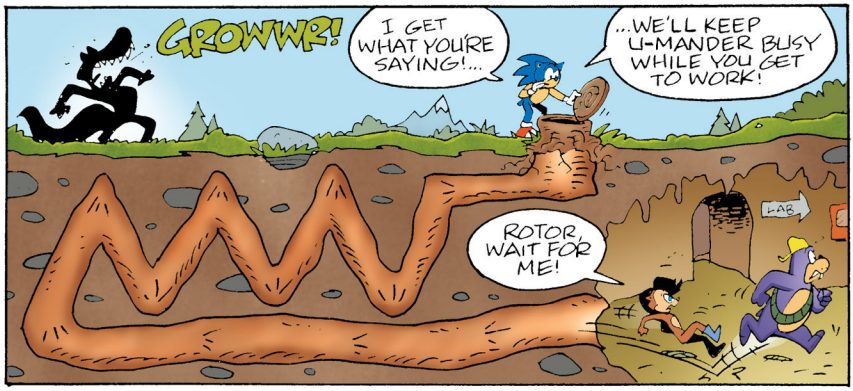
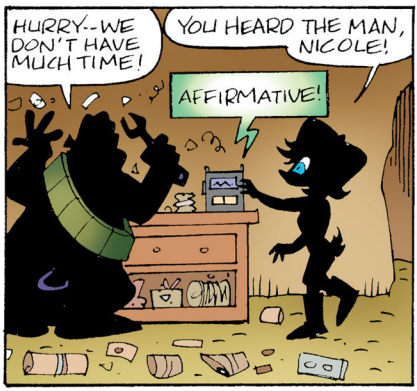
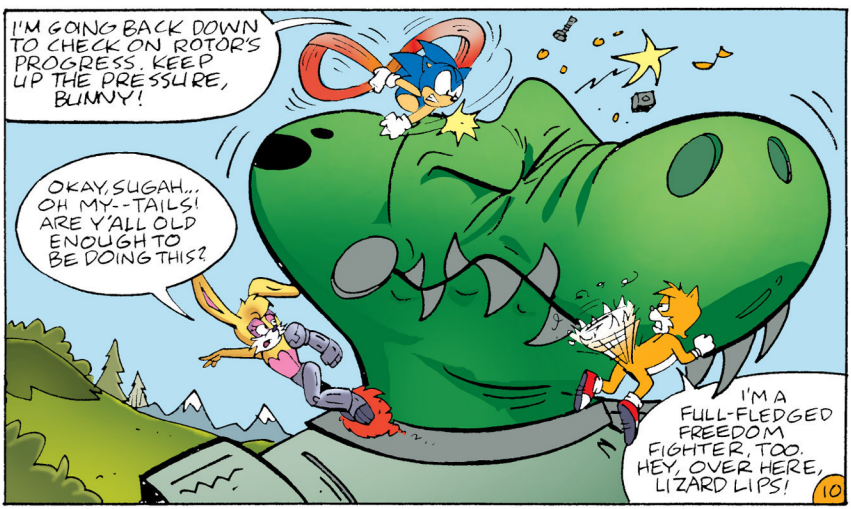
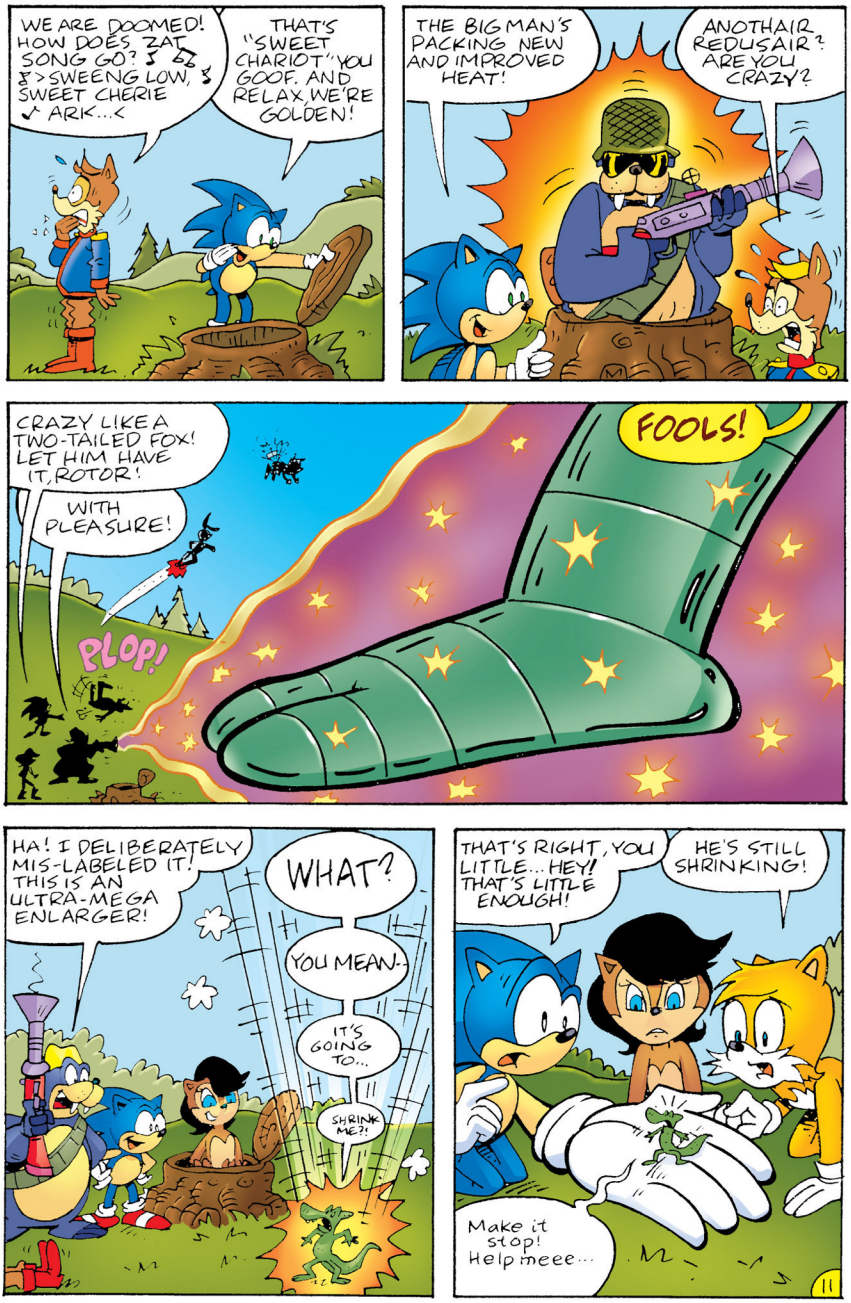

GROWWR!
I GET WHAT YOU'RE SAYING!...
...WE'LL KEEP U-MANDER BUSY WHILE YOU GET TO WORK!
ROTOR, WAIT FOR ME!
LAB

I ORDERED THIS AND IT JUST CAME YESTERDAY!
WOW! A NICOLE 7000! ★ THAT'LL BE A BIG HELP!
EDNOTE: [★ THAT'S NICOLE'S FIRST APPEARANCE, CONTINUITY KEEPERS... EXCEPT THAT YOU'RE JUST SEEING IT NOW... SO IN REAL TIME... Hmmm... THIS IS VERY CONFUSING ~Milestoneditor]


HURRY--WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME!
YOU HEARD THE MAN, NICOLE!
AFFIRMATIVE!


I'M GOING BACK DOWN TO CHECK ON ROTOR'S PROGRESS. KEEP UP THE PRESSURE, BUNNY!
OKAY, SUGAH... OH MY--TAILS! ARE Y'ALL OLD ENOUGH TO BE DOING THIS?
I'M A FULL-FLEDGED FREEDOM FIGHTER, TOO. HEY, OVER HERE, LIZARD LIPS!


WE ARE DOOMED! HOW DOES ZAT SONG GO? ♪ ♫ ♪ >SWEENG LOW, SWEET CHERIE ♪ ARK...<
THAT'S "SWEET CHARIOT" YOU GOOF. AND RELAX, WE'RE GOLDEN!
THE BIG MAN'S PACKING NEW AND IMPROVED HEAT!
ANOTHAIR REDUSAIR? ARE YOU CRAZY?
CRAZY LIKE A TWO-TAILED FOX! LET HIM HAVE IT, ROTOR!
WITH PLEASURE!
PLOP!
FOOLS!
HA! I DELIBERATELY MIS-LABELED IT! THIS IS AN ULTRA-MEGA ENLARGER!
WHAT?
YOU MEAN-
IT'S GOING TO...
SHRINK ME?!
THAT'S RIGHT, YOU LITTLE... HEY! THAT'S LITTLE ENOUGH!
HE'S STILL SHRINKING!
Make it stop! Help meee...
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HE-- HE'S GONE!
NOT REALLY, HE'S JUST BECOME MICROSCOPIC! WHATEVER ROBOTNIK INSTALLED IN HIM DIDN'T HAVE A GOOD BRAKING SYSTEM!
PING!
GEE... THIS IS WHERE I'D NORMALLY MAKE SOME HUMOROUS REMARK, BUT THAT SEEMS INAPPROPRIATE!
HEAVY MAN!
INDEED, IF I MAY OFFER MY ANALYTICAL OPINION...
SURE...
LOGICAL EXTRAPOLATION OF THE CURRENT SITUATION LEADS ME TO PREDICT MANY SIMILAR SERIOUS SITUATIONS IN THE NEAR FUTURE. PLANET MOBIUS IS ABOUT TO GET VERY COMPLICATED. NEW FACES, COMPLEX RELATIONSHIPS, ENTIRE WORLDS OPENING UP!
DO YOU THINK THAT'S HOW IT WILL BE, SONIC?
Naaaaaah! THINGS ARE GONNA STAY JUST THE WAY THEY ARE! WHO'S UP FOR A CHILI DOG?
AT THAT MOMENT...
ROBO-VICTORY PARTY!
DID HE READ THE UNIVERS-ALAMANDER REPORT?
OH, YEAH!
PUNCH, SIR?
YES... COME HERE... I'LL GIVE YOU A PUNCH!
NOTE TO SELF: "I HATE THAT HEDGEHOG!"
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UVS REPORT
THE END
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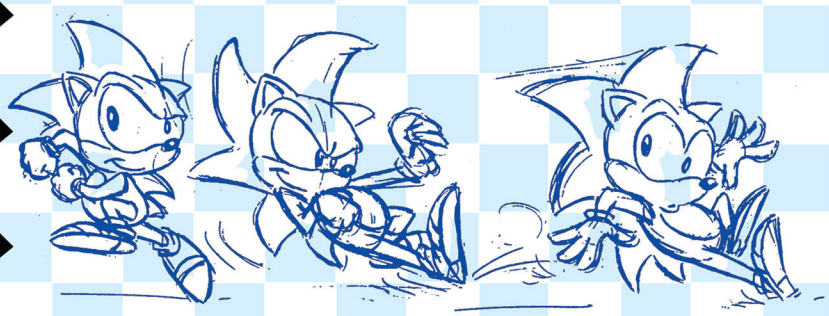

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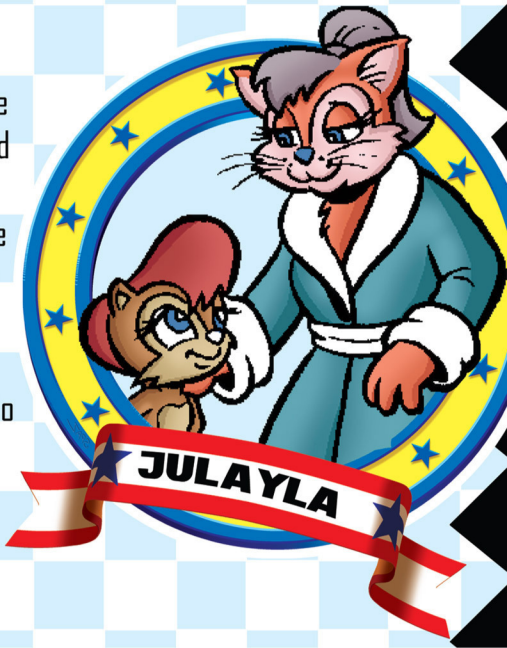

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